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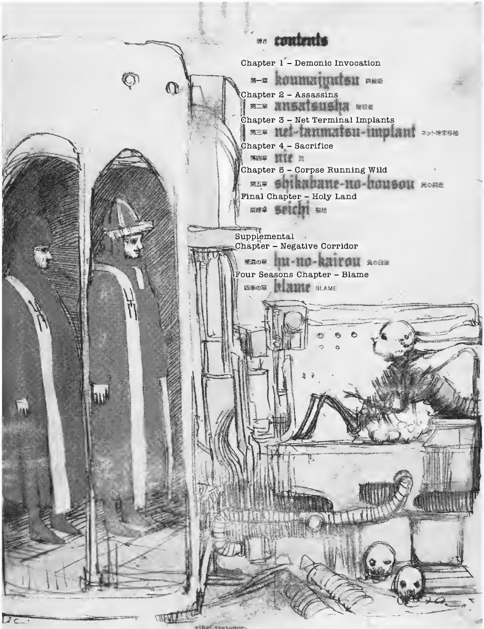

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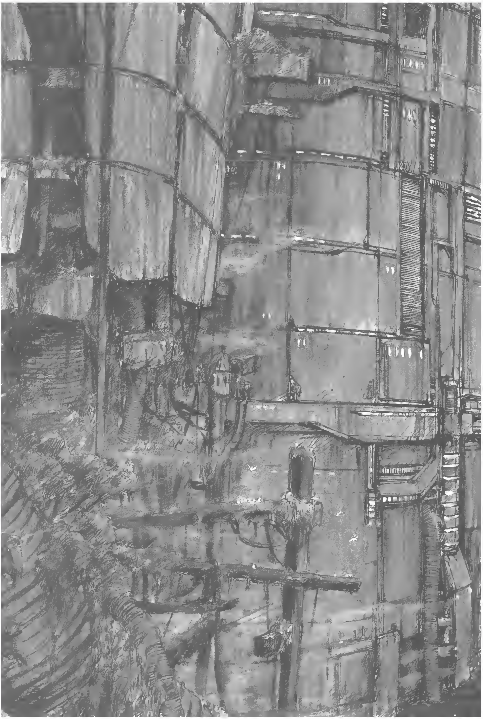
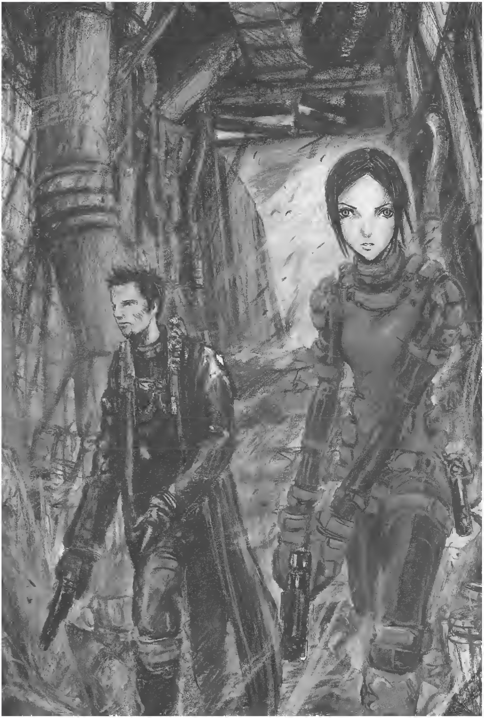
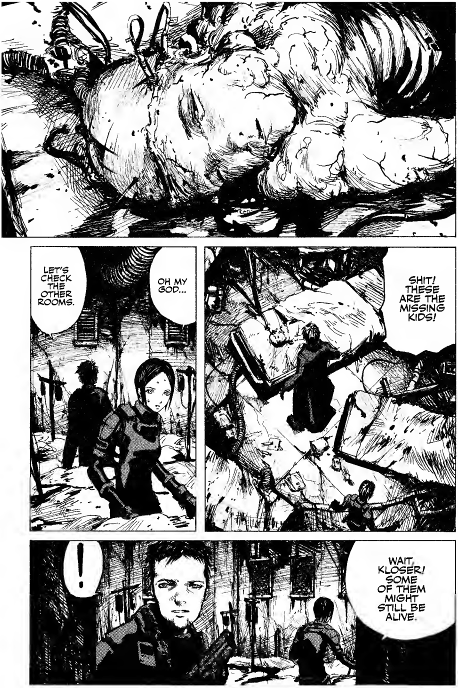
第一章

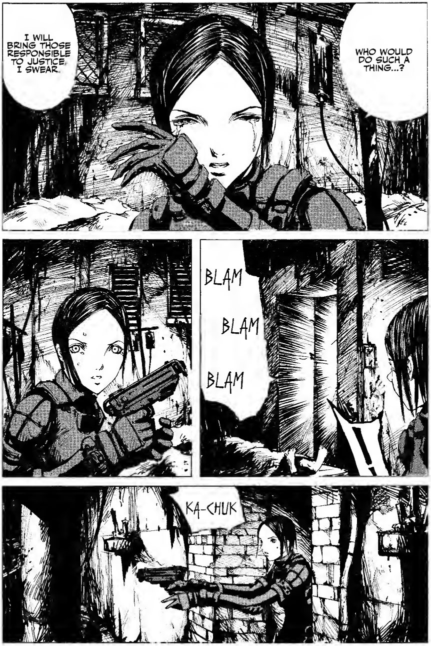
降魔術

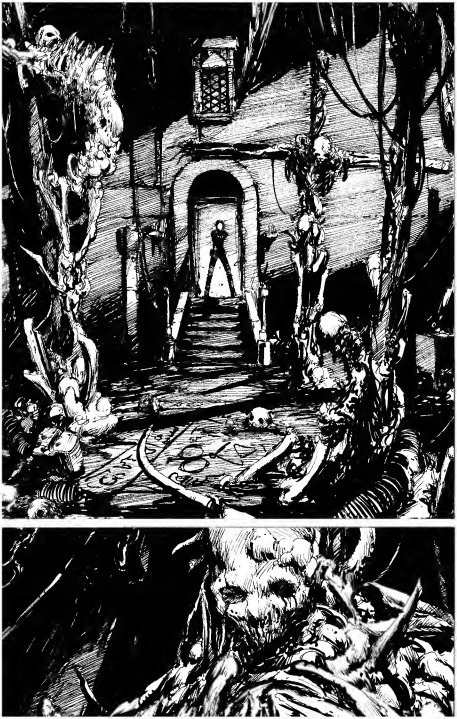
KOUMAJYUTSU

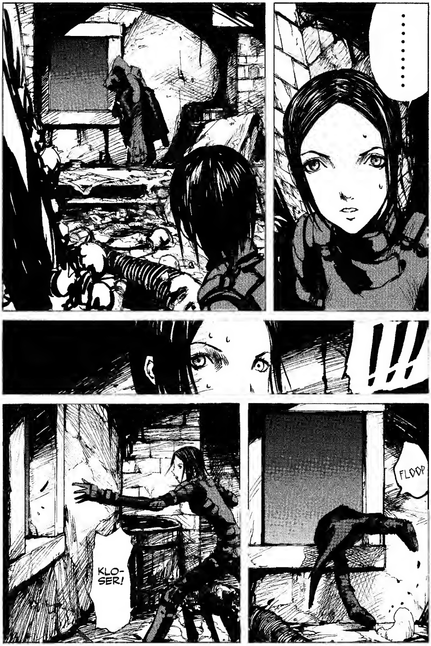





SHIT! THESE ARE THE MISSING KIDS!
OH MY GOD...
LET'S CHECK THE OTHER ROOMS.
WAIT, KLOSER! SOME OF THEM MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE.
!


WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING...?
I WILL BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE, I SWEAR.
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
KA-CHUK

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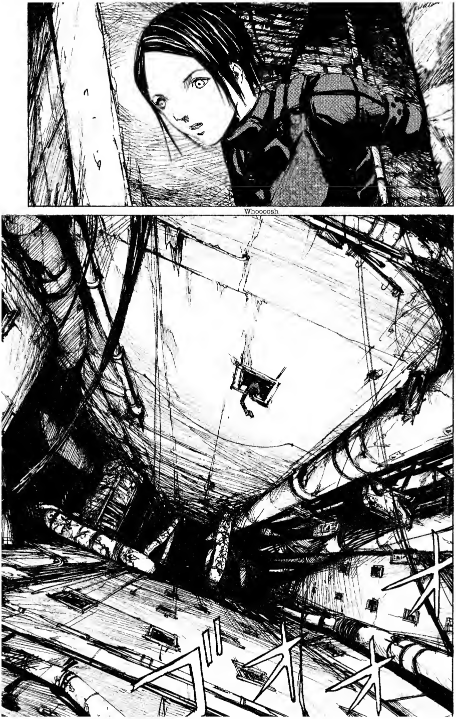
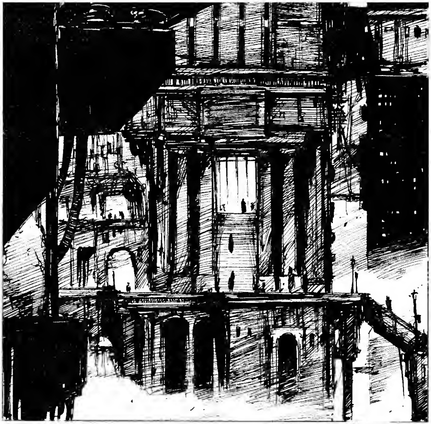
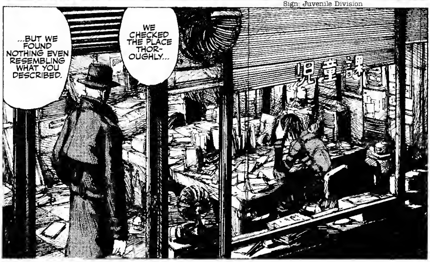
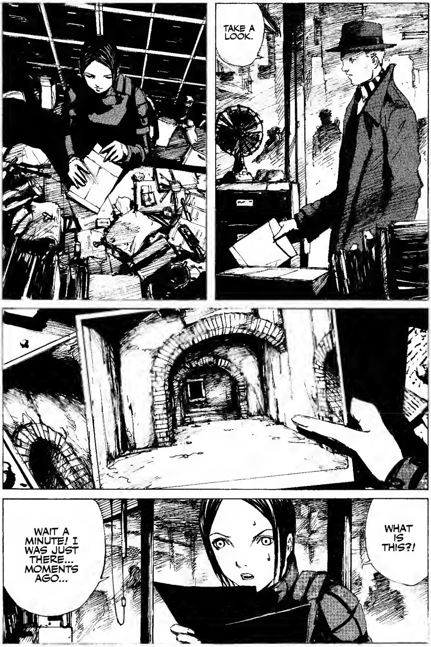
!!!
FLOOP
KLO-SER!

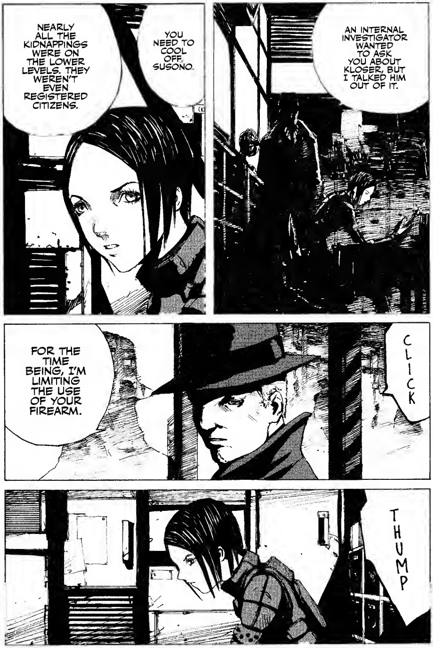

Whoooosh
ブオオオ

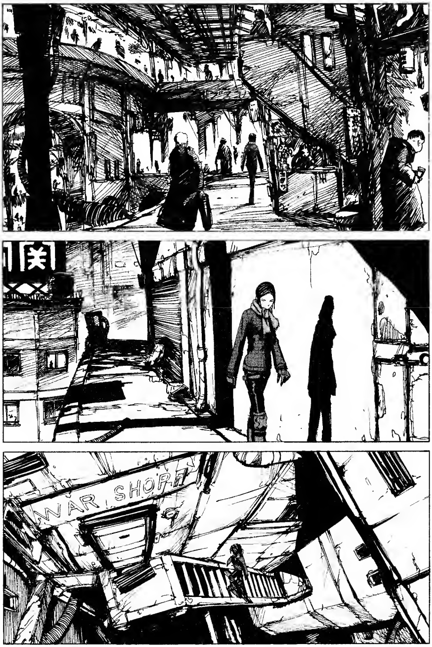


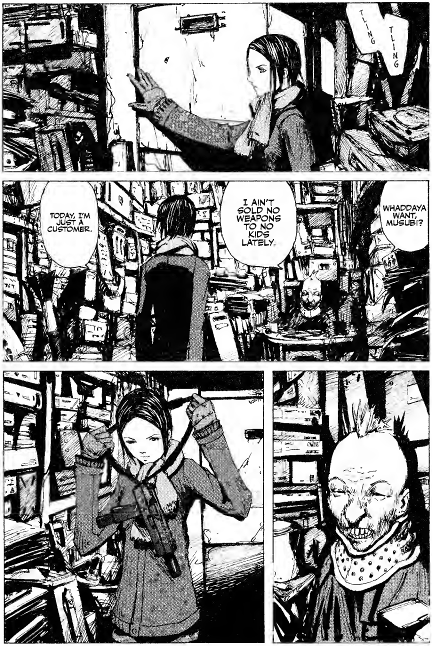
Sign: Juvenile Division

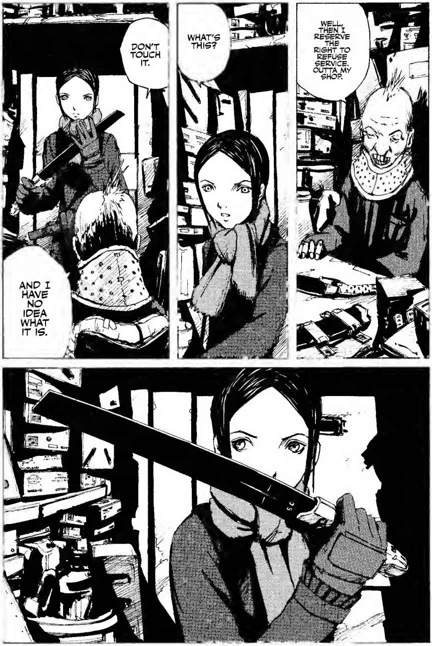

WE CHECKED THE PLACE THOROUGHLY...
...BUT WE FOUND NOTHING EVEN RESEMBLING WHAT YOU DESCRIBED.
児童課

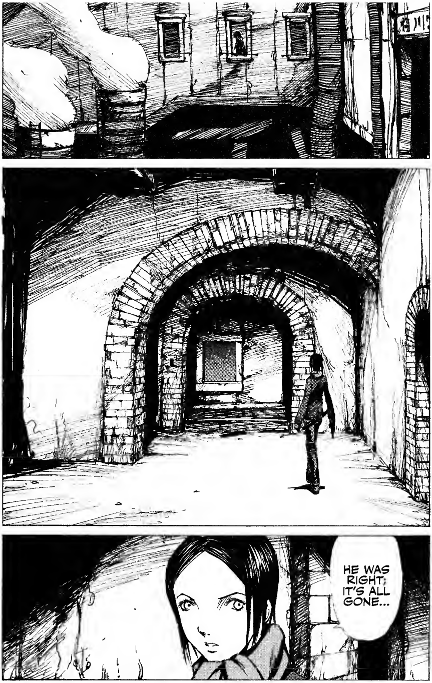

TAKE A LOOK.
WHAT IS THIS?!
WAIT A MINUTE! I WAS JUST THERE... MOMENTS AGO...

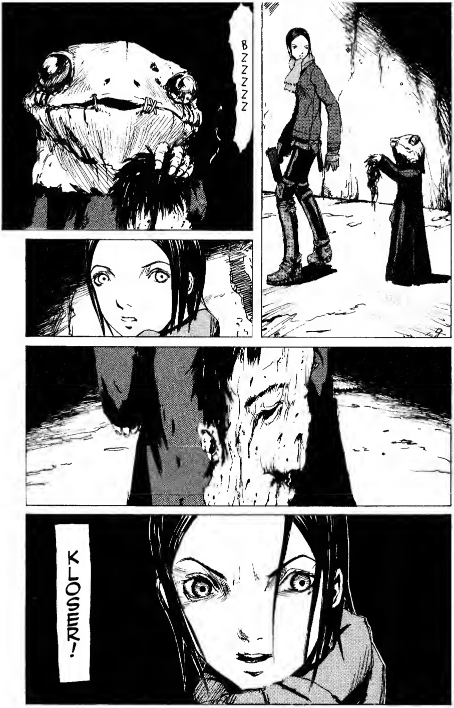

YOU NEED TO COOL OFF, SUSONO.
NEARLY ALL THE KIDNAPPINGS WERE ON THE LOWER LEVELS. THEY WEREN'T EVEN REGISTERED CITIZENS.
AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATOR WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT KLOSER, BUT I TALKED HIM OUT OF IT.
CLICK
FOR THE TIME BEING, I'M LIMITING THE USE OF YOUR FIREARM.
THUMP

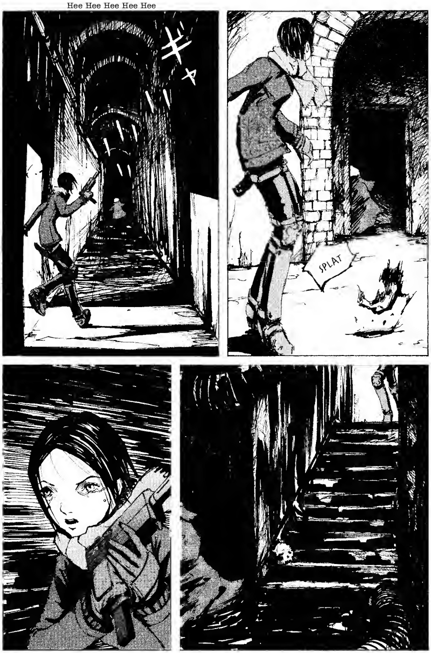

WAR SHOP

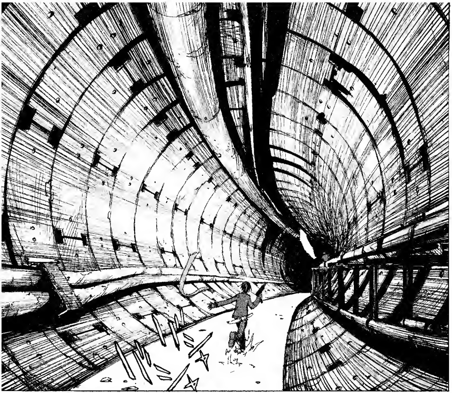

TLING TLING
WHADDAYA WANT, MUSUBI?
I AIN'T SOLD NO WEAPONS TO NO KIDS LATELY.
TODAY, I'M JUST A CUSTOMER.


DON'T TOUCH IT.
AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS.
WHAT'S THIS?
WELL, THEN I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE. OUTTA MY SHOP.

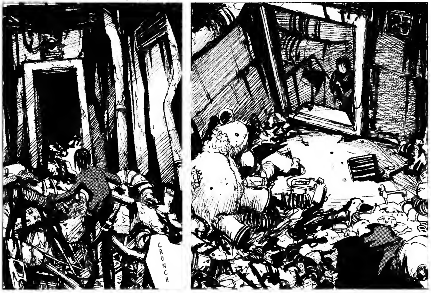

HE WAS RIGHT; IT'S ALL GONE...

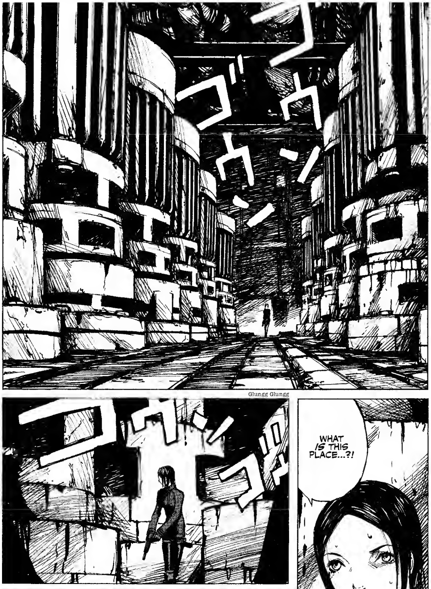

BZZZZZ
KLOSER!


Hee Hee Hee Hee Hee
ギャ
SPLAT



Splash Splash

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Glungg Glungg
WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE...?!
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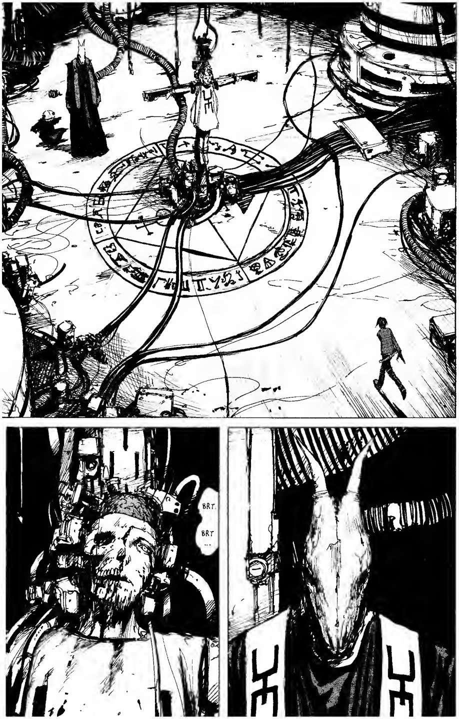
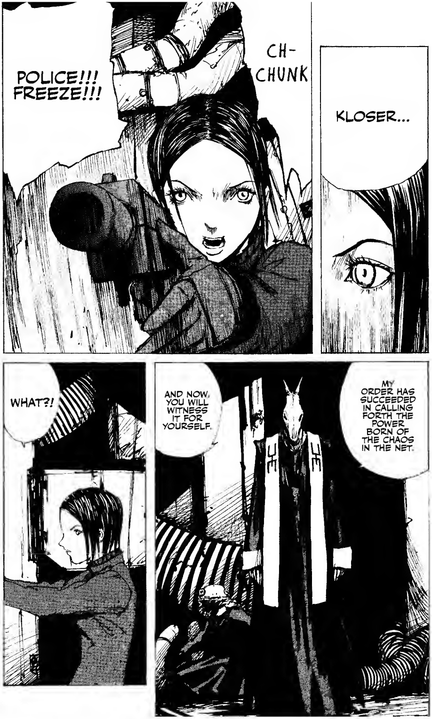
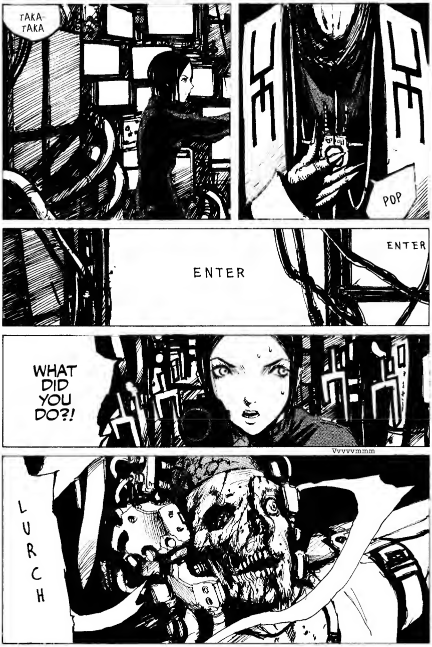
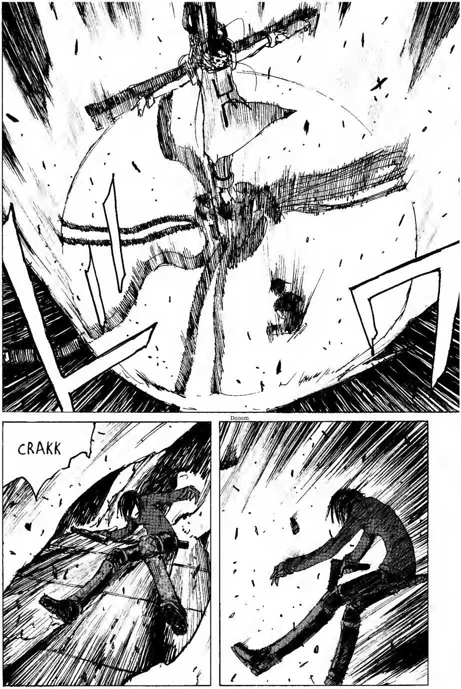
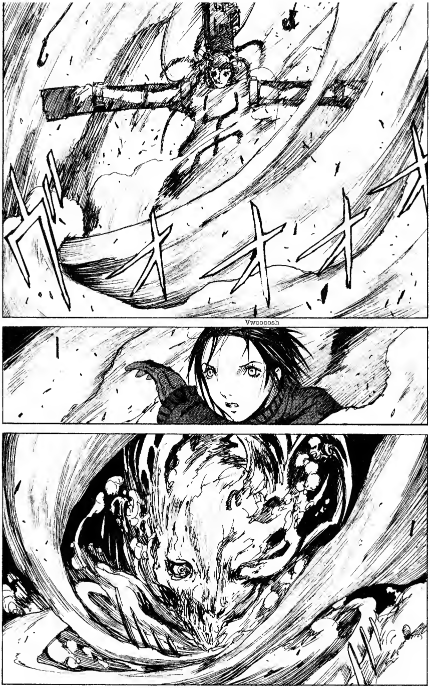

BRT.
BRT
...


KLOSER...
CH-CHUNK
POLICE!!! FREEZE!!!
MY ORDER HAS SUCCEEDED IN CALLING FORTH THE POWER BORN OF THE CHAOS IN THE NET.
AND NOW, YOU WILL WITNESS IT FOR YOURSELF.
WHAT?!


TAKA TAKA
POP
ENTER
ENTER
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
Vvvvvmmm
LURCH


Dooom
CRAKK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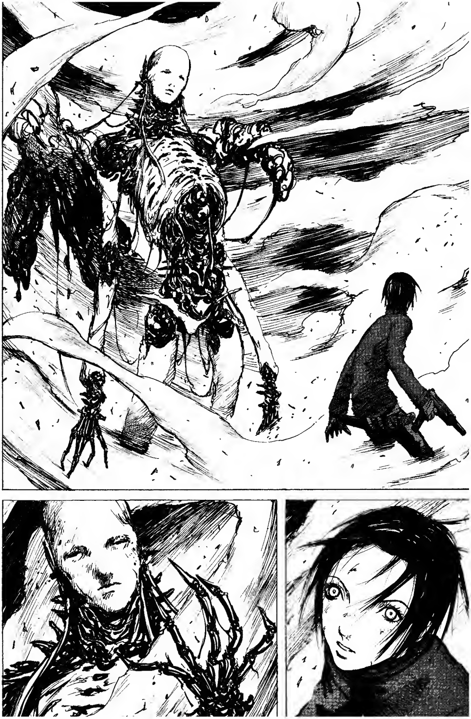
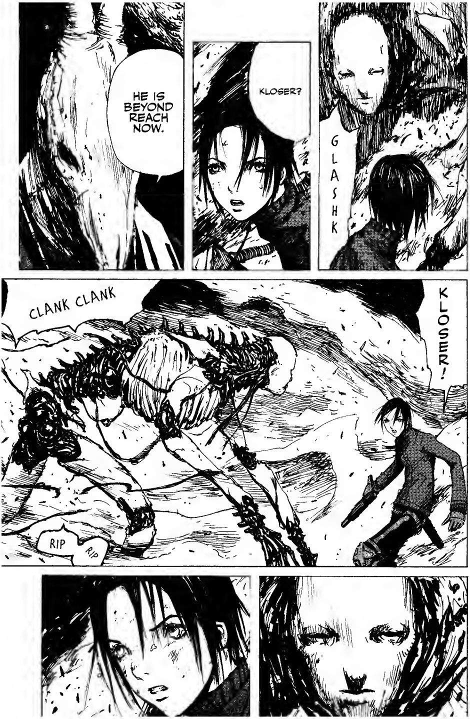
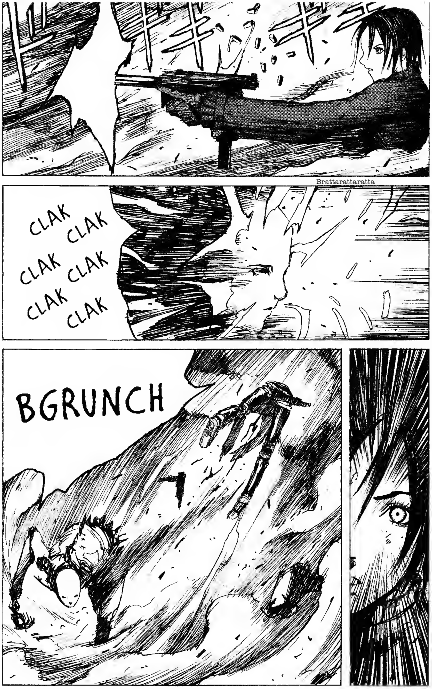
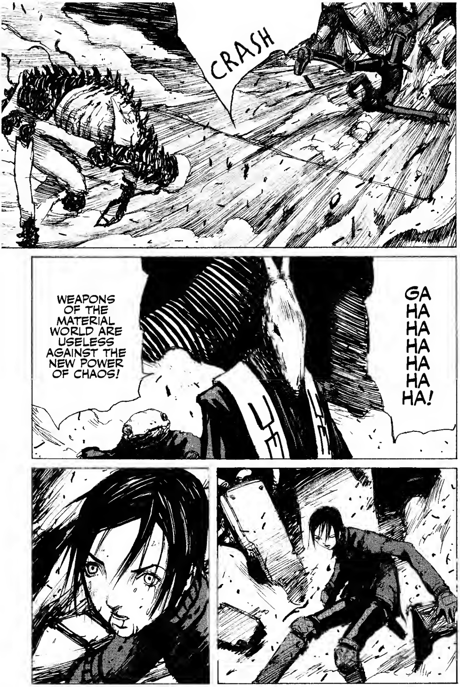
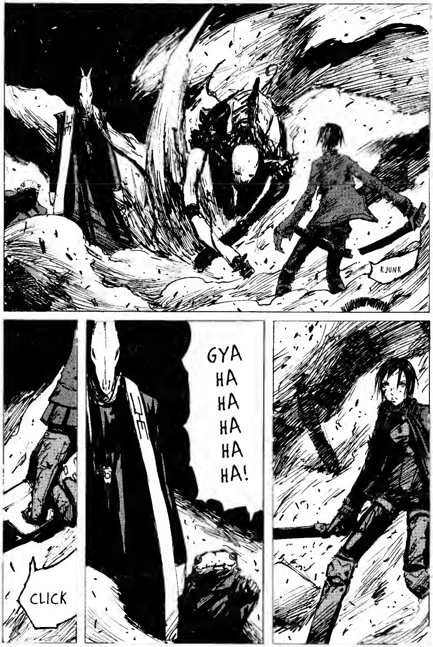
Vwoooosh

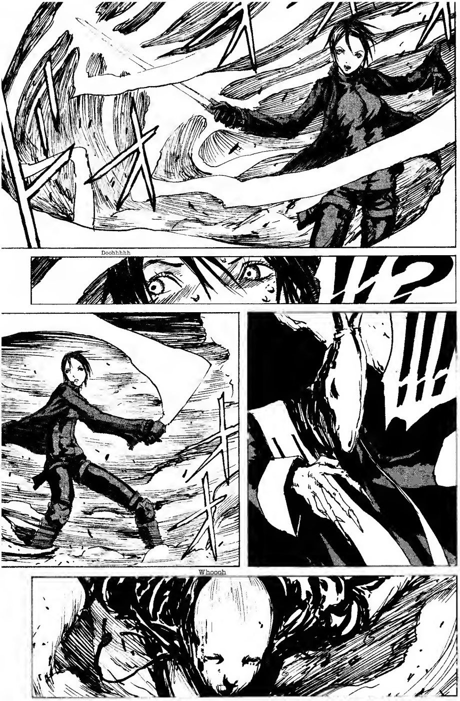


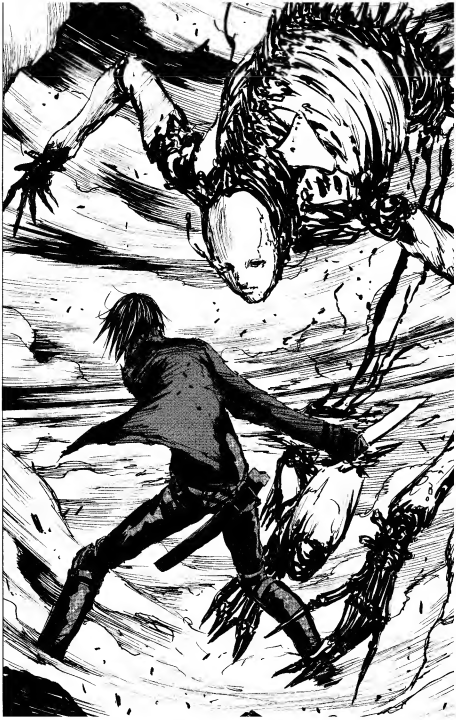

HE IS BEYOND REACH NOW.
KLOSER?
GLASHK
CLANK CLANK
KLOSER!
RIP
RIP

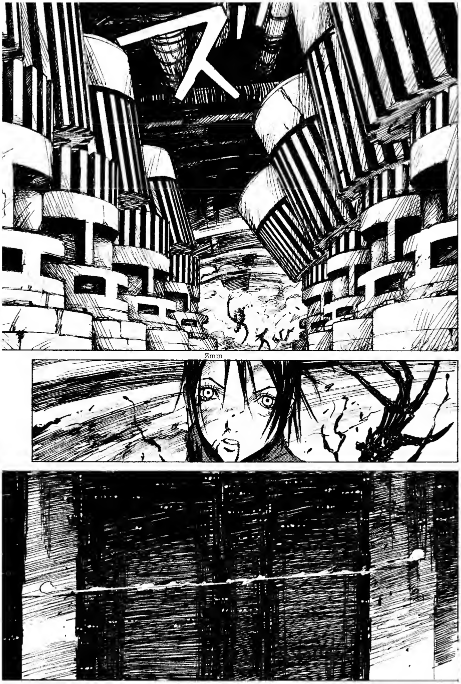

Brattarattaratta
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
BGRUNCH


CRASH
GA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
WEAPONS OF THE MATERIAL WORLD ARE USELESS AGAINST THE NEW POWER OF CHAOS!


KJUNK
CLICK
GYA HA HA HA HA HA!


Doohhhhh
!!?
!!!
Whoooh

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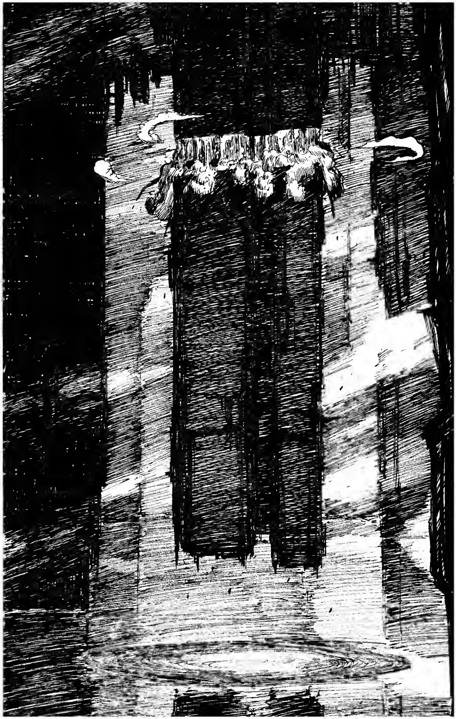
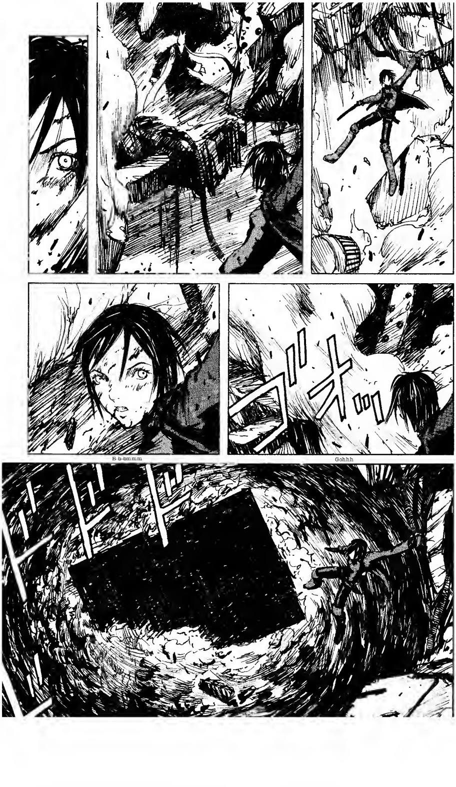
Zmm

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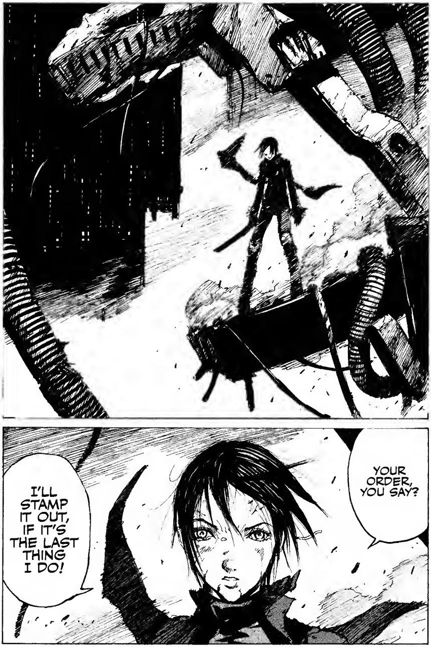
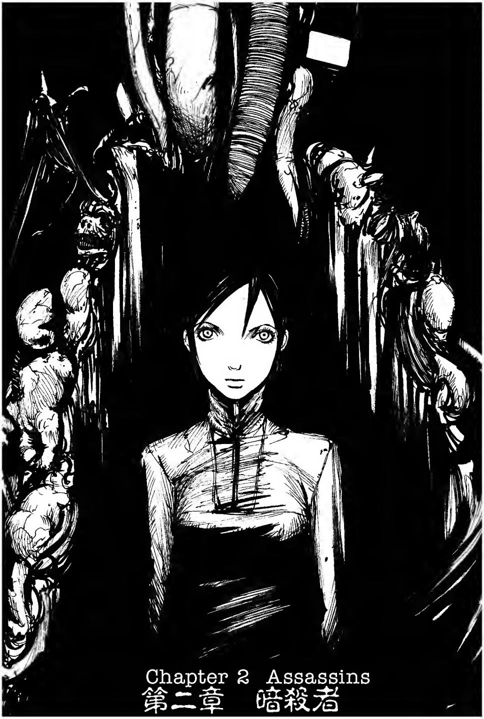
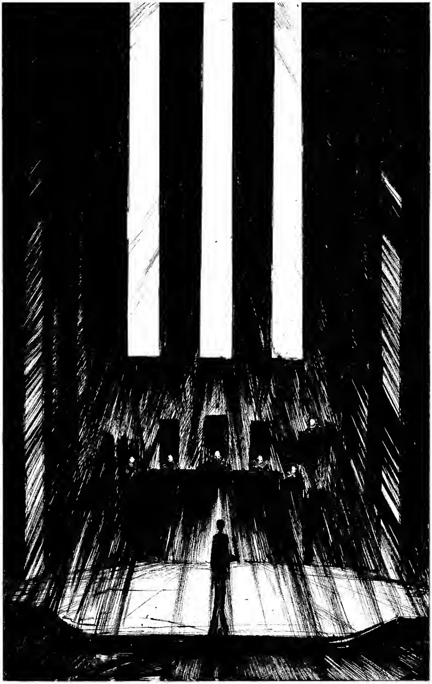
Gohhh
ドドドド
B-b-bmmm

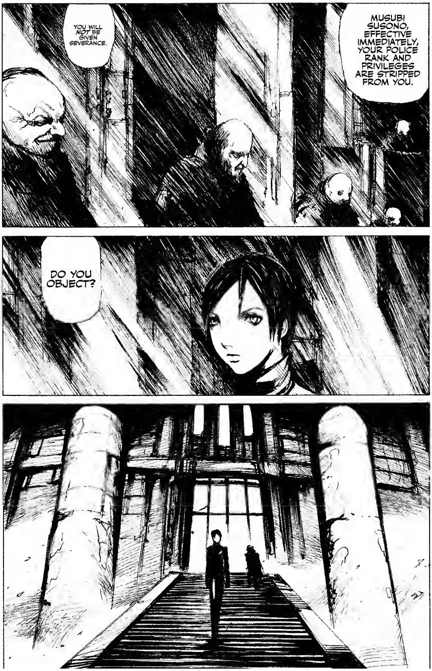

YOUR ORDER, YOU SAY?
I'LL STAMP IT OUT, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

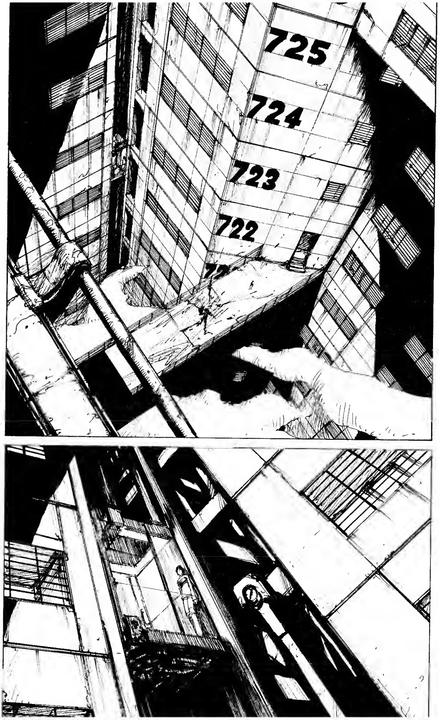
Chapter 1 Demonic Invocation ~End~



Chapter 2 Assassins
第二章 暗殺者




MUSUBI SUSONO, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, YOUR POLICE RANK AND PRIVILEGES ARE STRIPPED FROM YOU.
YOU WILL *NOT* BE GIVEN SEVERANCE.
DO YOU OBJECT?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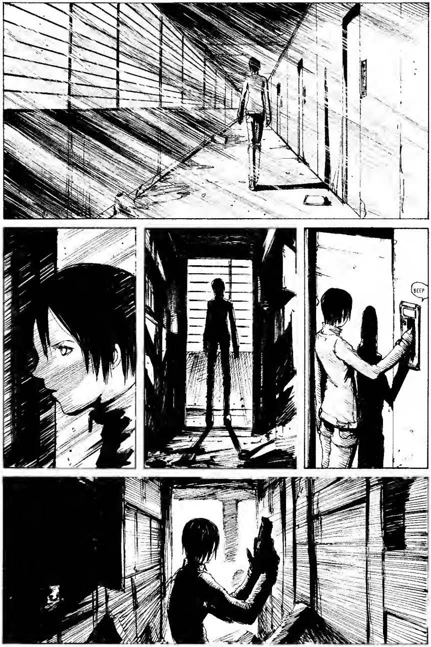
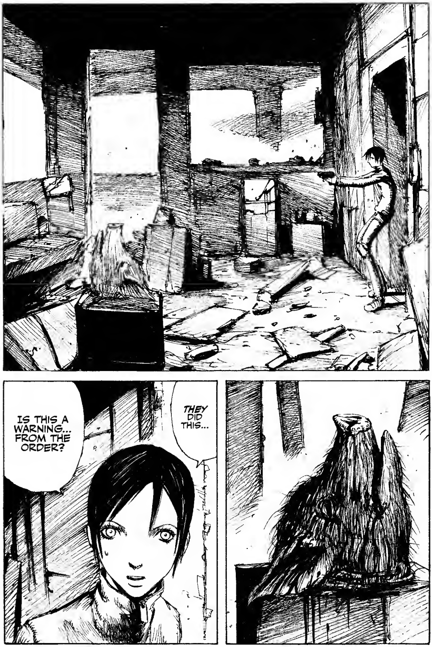
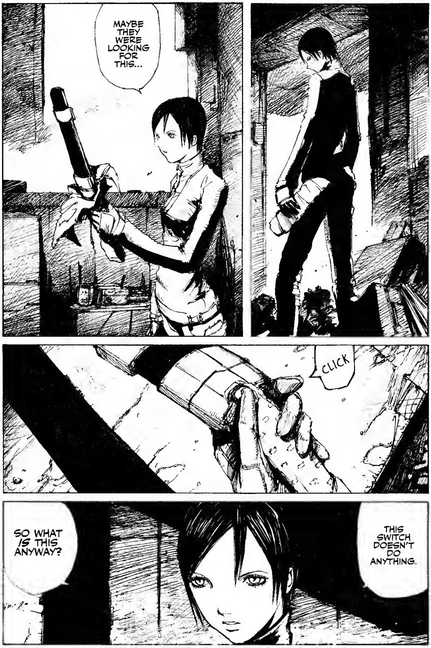
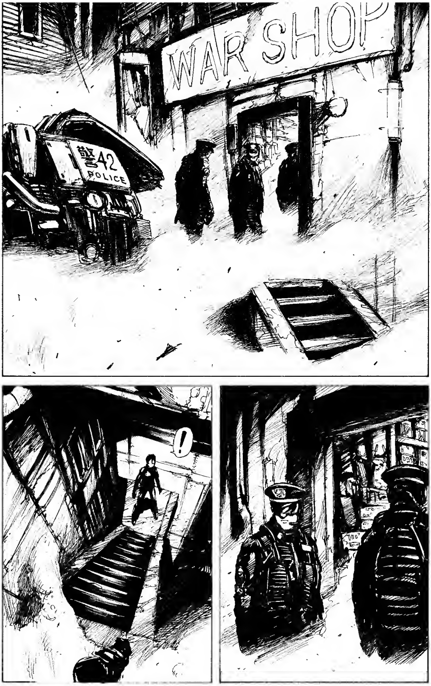
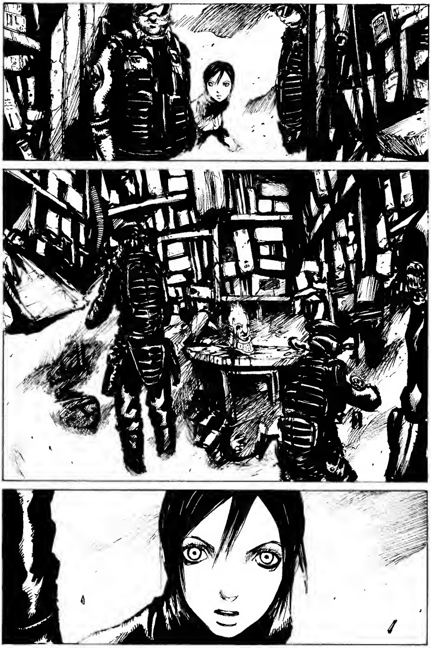
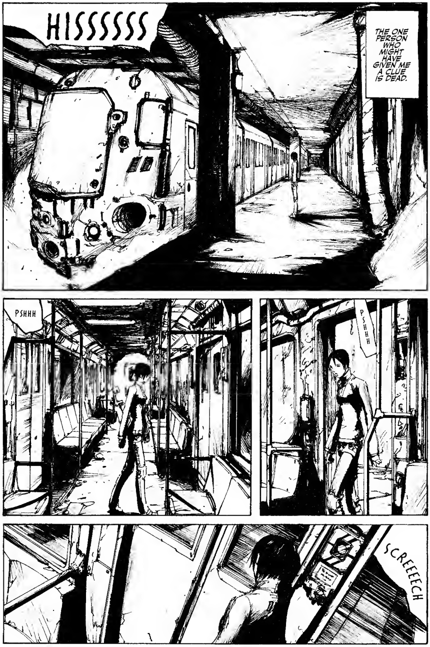

BEEP

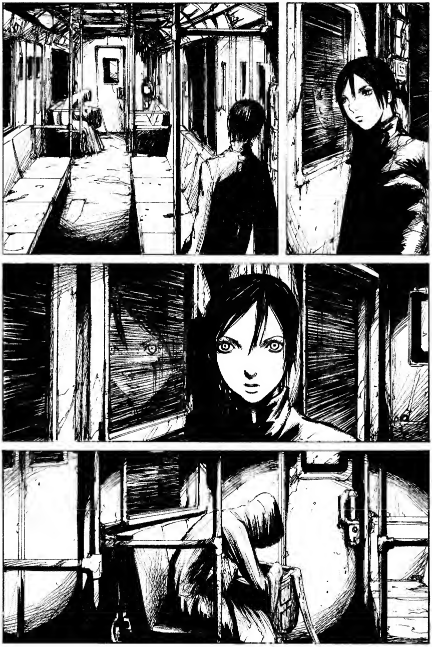

THEY DID THIS...
IS THIS A WARNING... FROM THE ORDER?

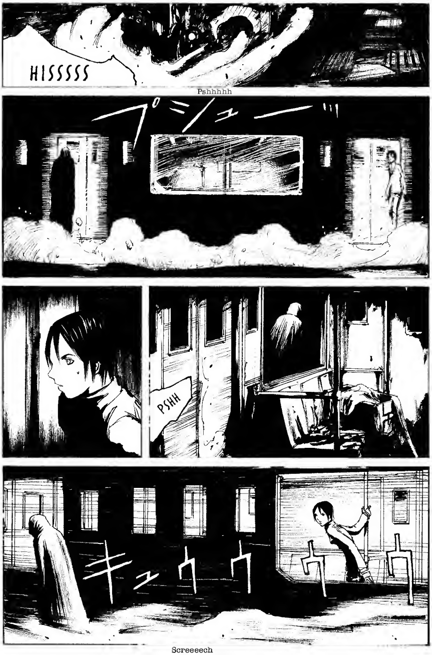

MAYBE THEY WERE LOOKING FOR THIS...
CLICK
THIS SWITCH DOESN'T DO ANYTHING.
SO WHAT *IS* THIS ANYWAY?


WAR SHOP
警42
POLICE
!



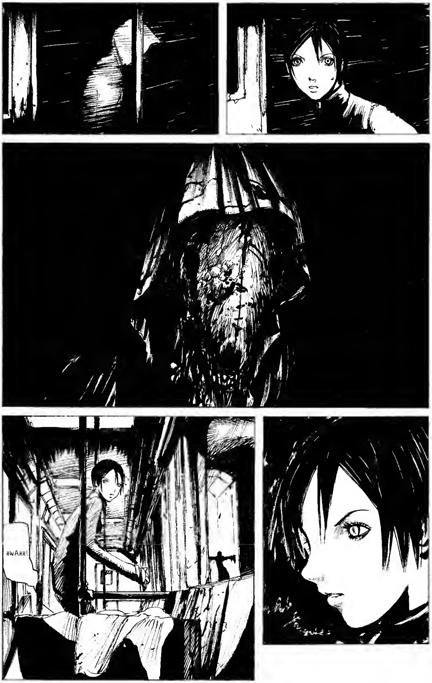

THE ONE PERSON WHO MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ME A CLUE IS DEAD.
HISSSSSSS
PSHHH
PSHHH
SCREEEECH

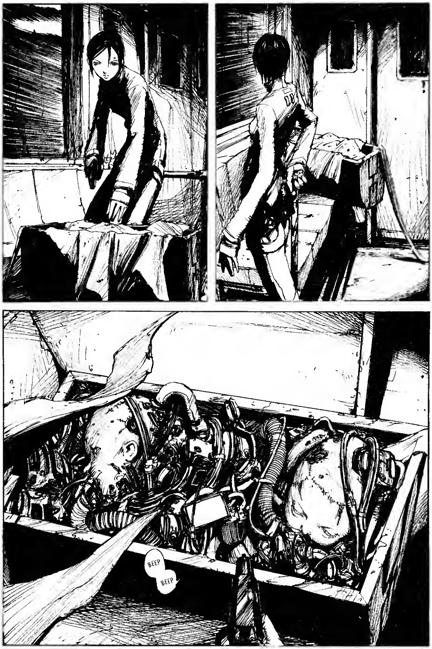


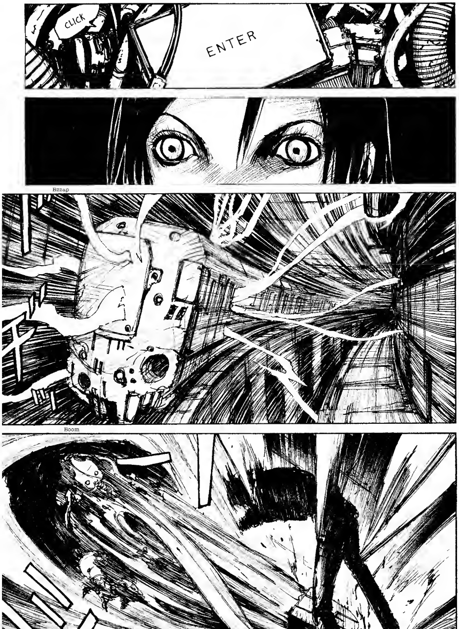

HISSSSS
プシューーッ
PSHH
キュウウ

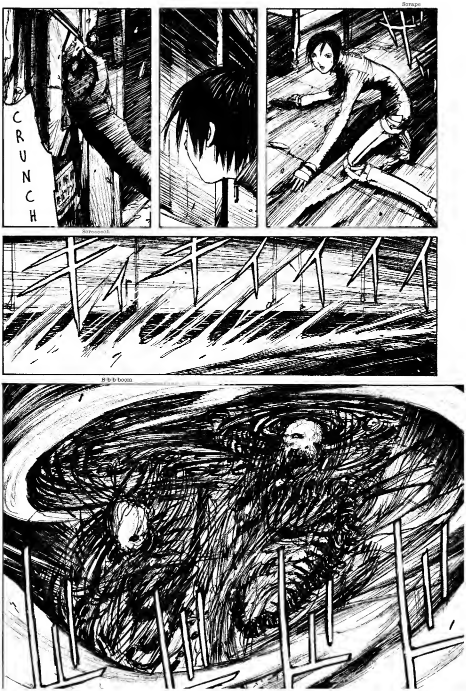
Pshhhhh

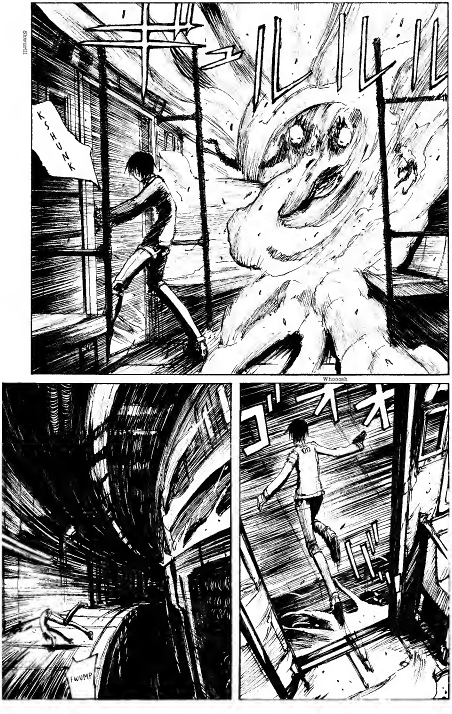
Screeeech


HWAHH!


BEEP
BEEP


CLICK
ENTER
Bzzap
Boom

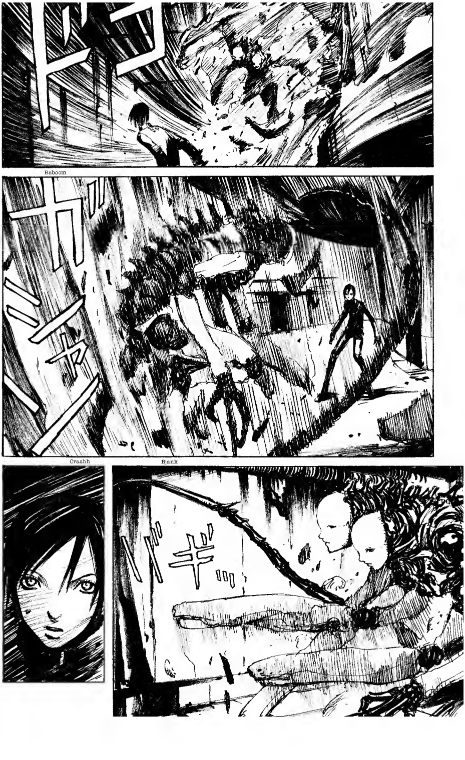

Scrape
CRUNCH
Screeeech
ギィギイイイイ
B-b-b boom


KSHUNK
FWUMP

Shwurlll

Whooosh

Hop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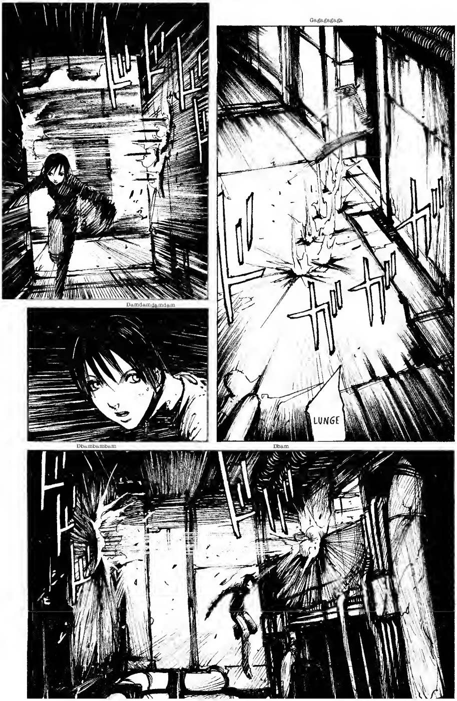
バギッ
Bjank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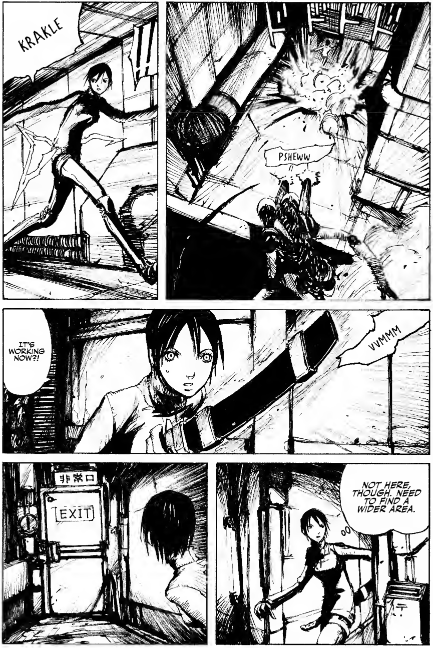
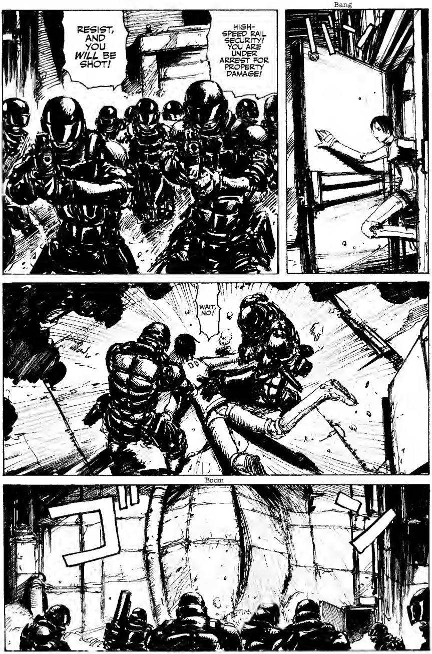
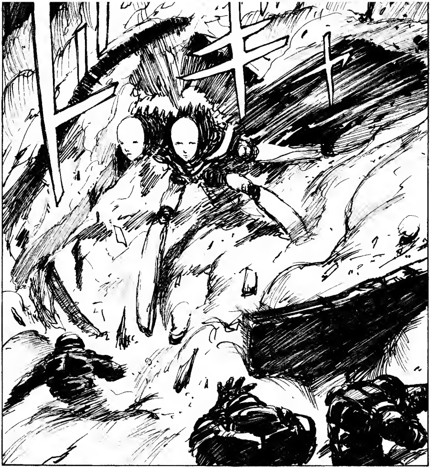
LUNGE
Damdamdamdam
Dbambambam
Dbam


KRAKLE
PSHEWW
IT'S WORKING NOW?!
VVMMM
非常口
EXIT
NOT HERE, THOUGH. NEED TO FIND A WIDER AREA.

Bang


HIGH-SPEED RAIL SECURITY! YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE!
RESIST, AND YOU *WILL* BE SHOT!
WAIT, NO!

Boom



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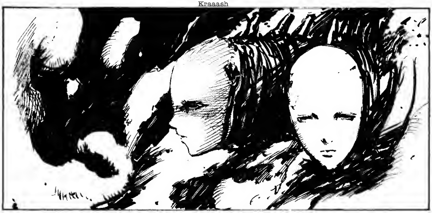

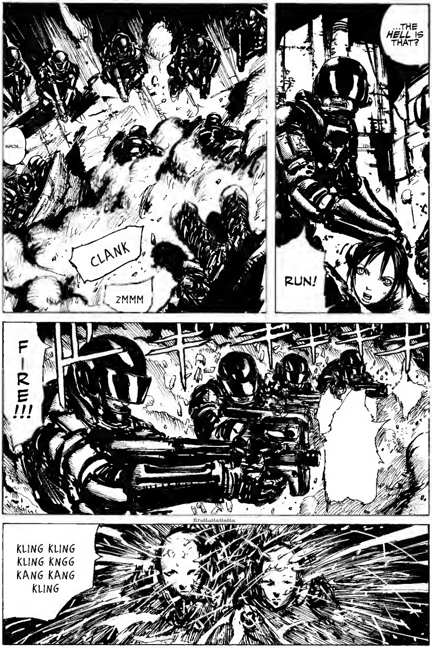
...THE *HELL* IS THAT?
RUN!
WHOA...
CLANK
ZMMM
FIRE!!!
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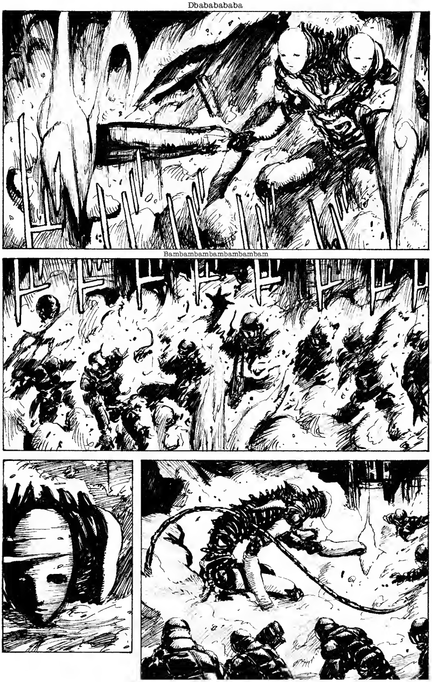
KLING KLING KLING KNGG KANG KANG KLING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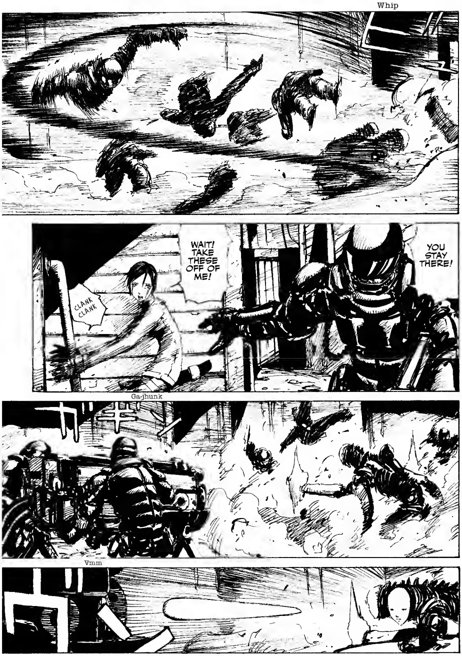
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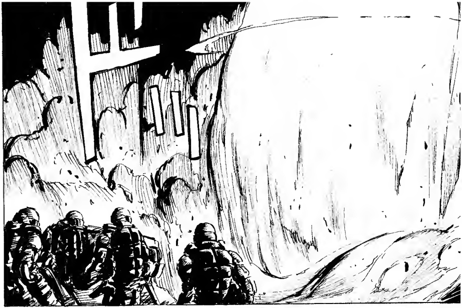
YOU STAY THERE!
WAIT! TAKE THESE OFF OF ME!
CLANK CLANK
Ga-jhunk
Vmm



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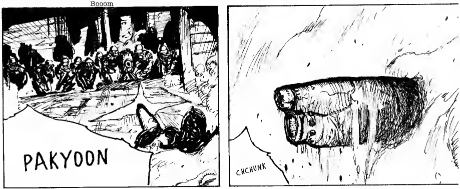
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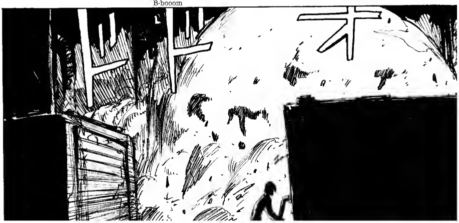

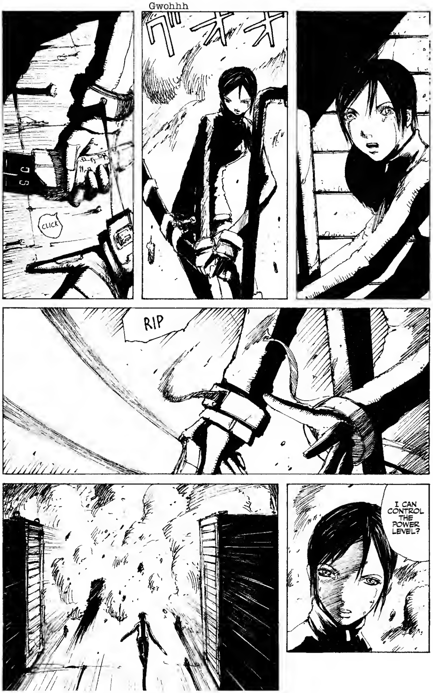
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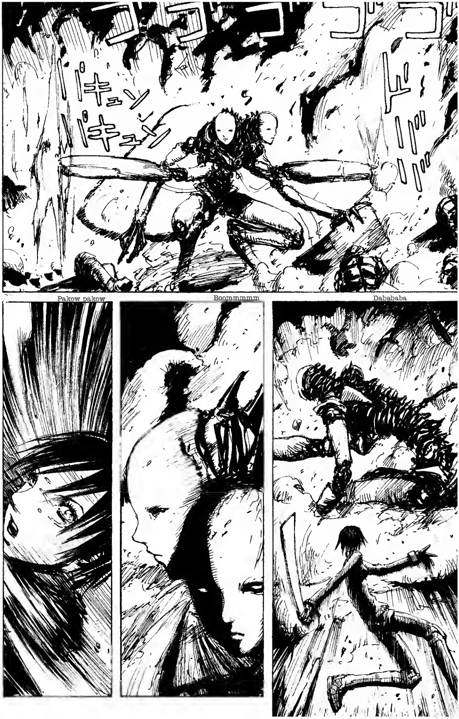
RIP
I CAN CONTROL THE POWER LEVEL?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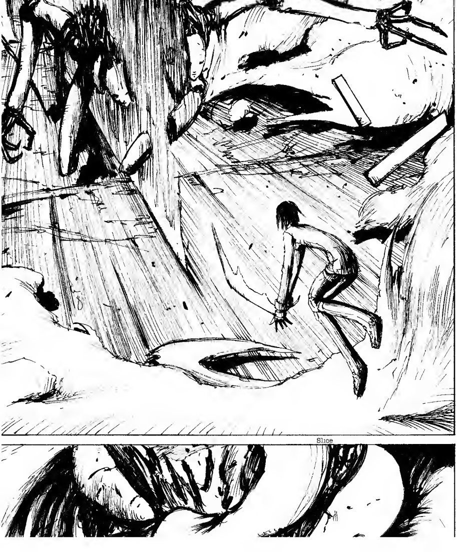
Dabababa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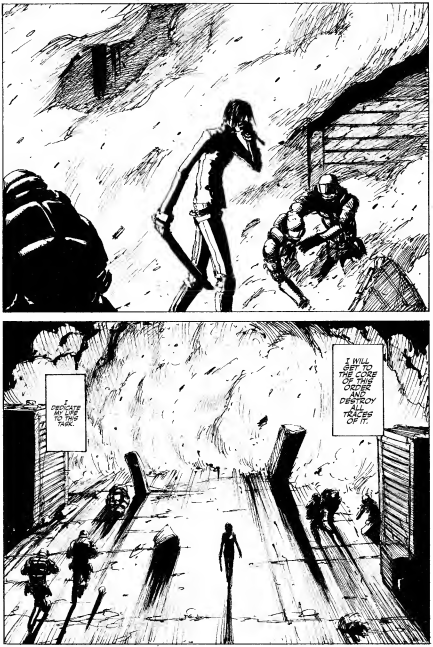
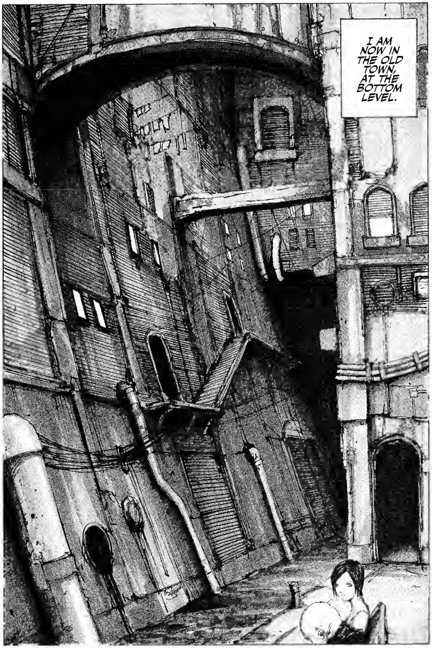
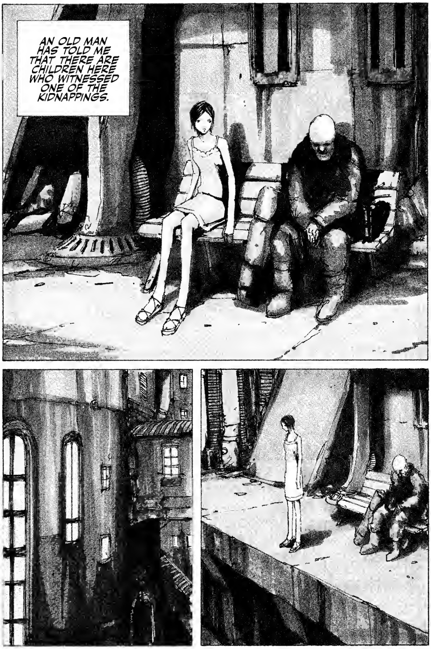
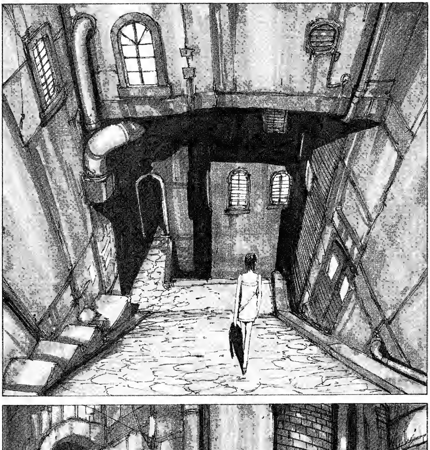

I WILL GET TO THE CORE OF THIS ORDER AND DESTROY ALL TRACES OF IT.
I DEDICATE MY LIFE TO THIS TASK.

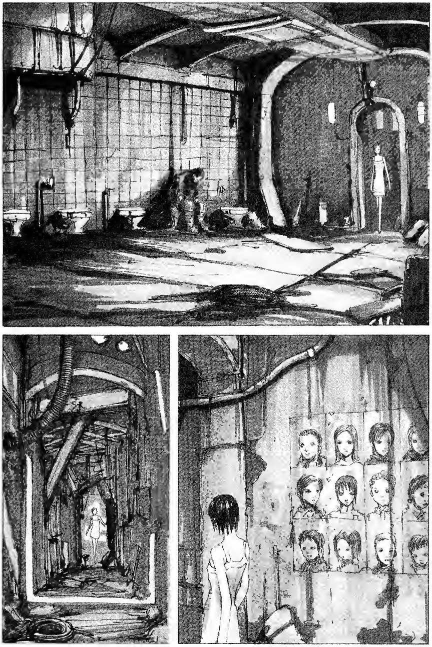
Chapter 2 Assassins ~End~

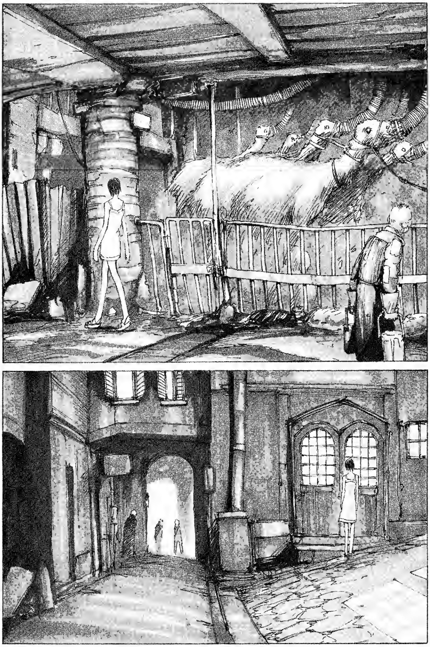
Chapter 3 Net-Terminal Implants

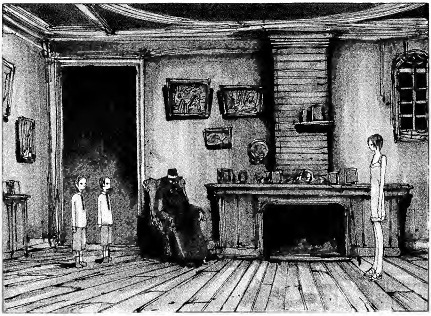

I AM NOW IN THE OLD TOWN, AT THE BOTTOM LEVEL.

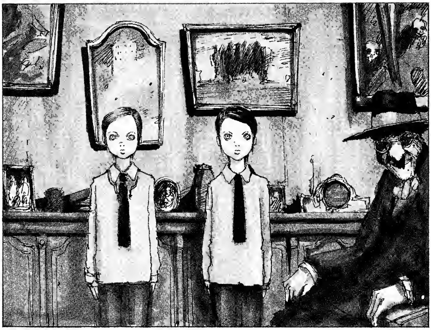

AN OLD MAN HAS TOLD ME THAT THERE ARE CHILDREN HERE WHO WITNESSED ONE OF THE KIDNAPPINGS.

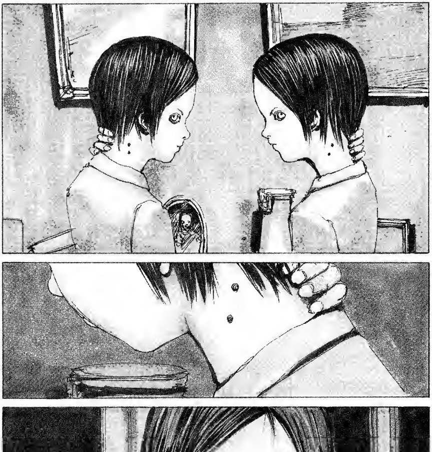


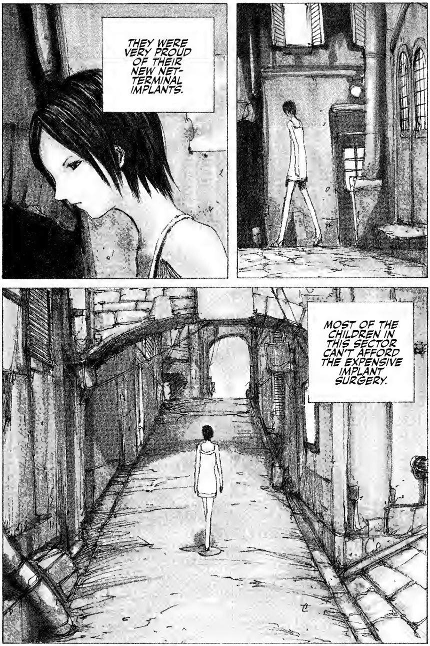


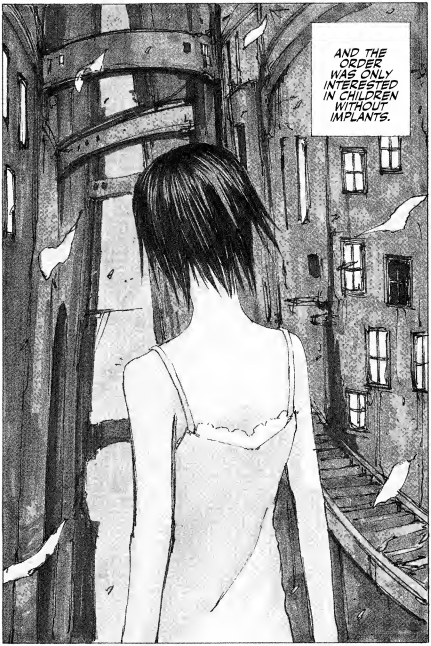






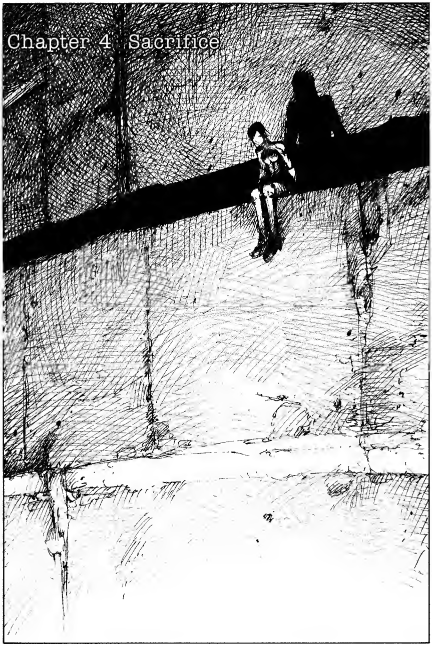


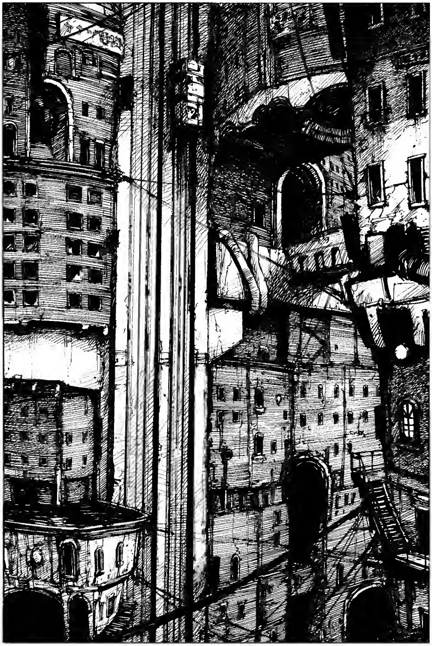

THEY WERE VERY PROUD OF THEIR NEW NET-TERMINAL IMPLANTS.
MOST OF THE CHILDREN IN THIS SECTOR CAN'T AFFORD THE EXPENSIVE IMPLANT SURGERY.

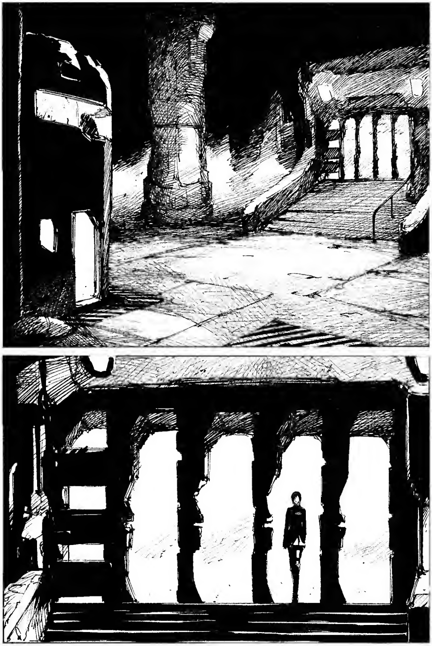

AND THE ORDER WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN CHILDREN WITHOUT IMPLANTS.

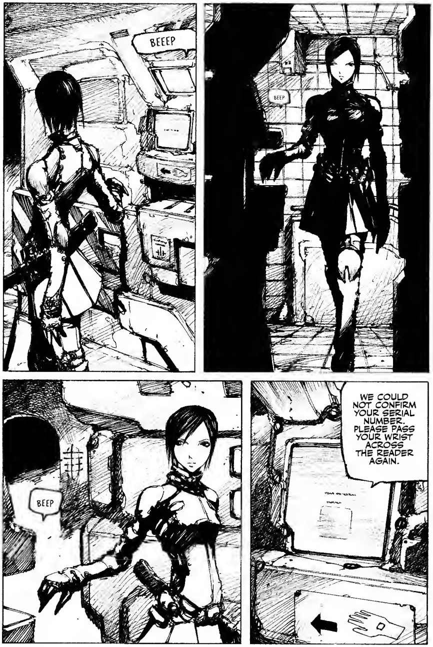
Chapter 3 Net-Terminal Implants ~End~

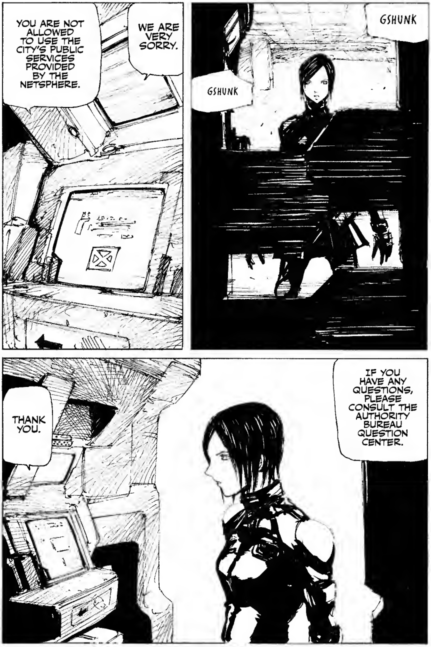
Chapter 4 Sacrifice

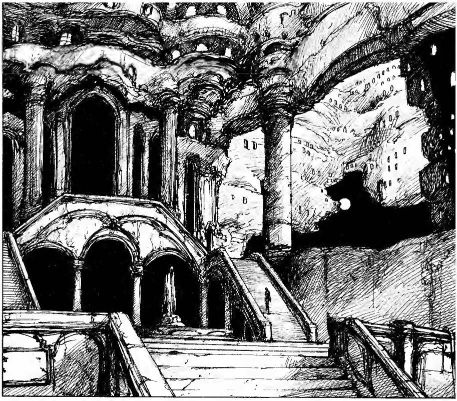


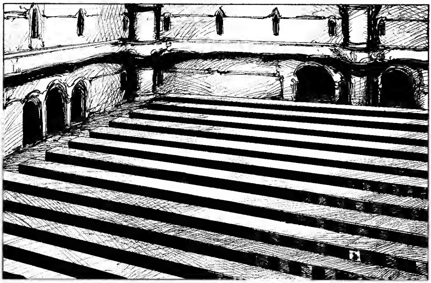


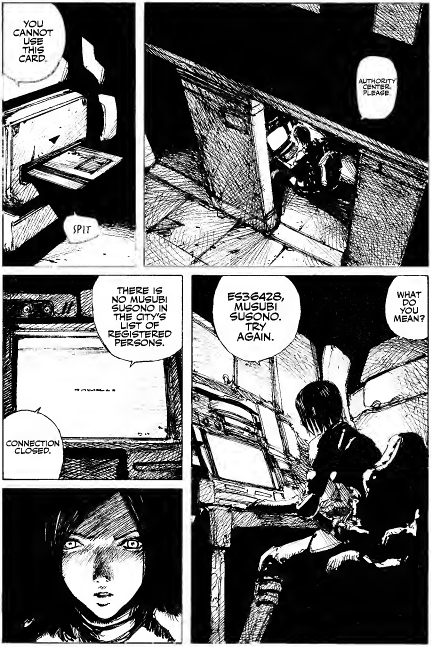


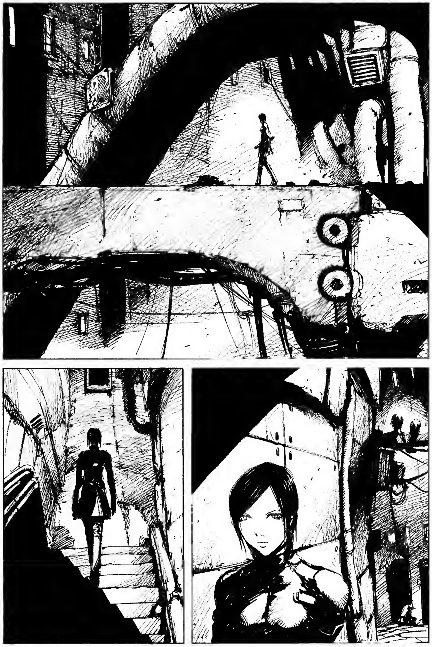

BEEP
BEEEP
WE COULD NOT CONFIRM YOUR SERIAL NUMBER. PLEASE PASS YOUR WRIST ACROSS THE READER AGAIN.
BEEP

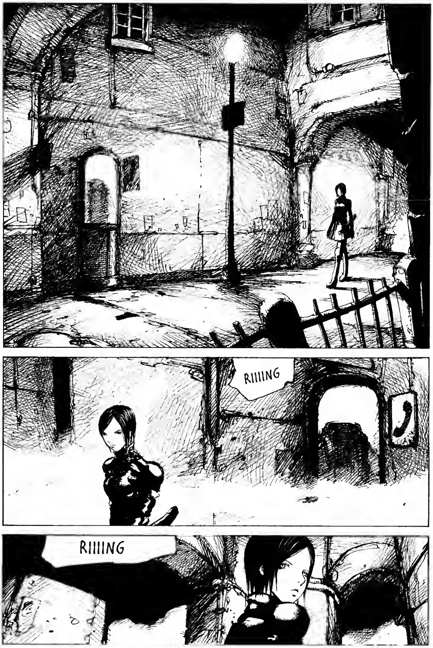

YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE CITY'S PUBLIC SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NETSPHERE.
WE ARE VERY SORRY.
GSHUNK
GSHUNK
THANK YOU.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONSULT THE AUTHORITY BUREAU QUESTION CENTER.






YOU CANNOT USE THIS CARD.
SPIT
AUTHORITY CENTER, PLEASE.
ES36428, MUSUBI SUSONO. TRY AGAIN.
THERE IS NO MUSUBI SUSONO IN THE CITY'S LIST OF REGISTERED PERSONS.
CONNECTION CLOSED.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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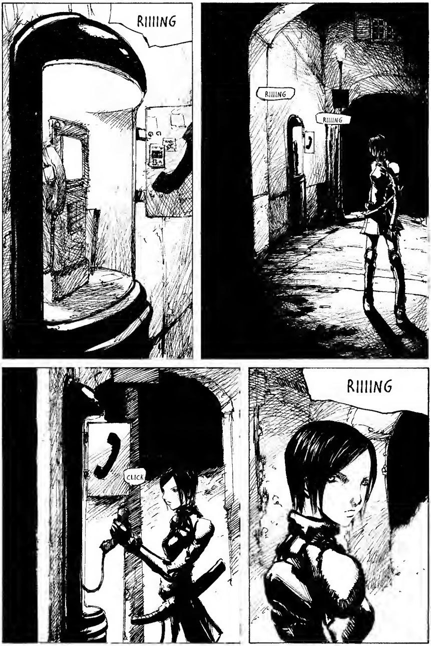
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CLICK
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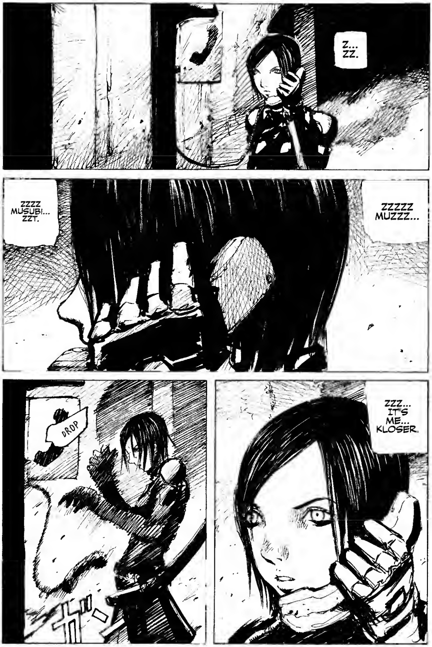
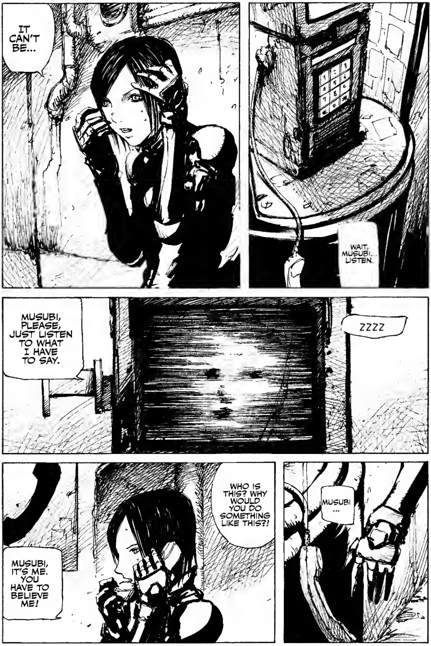
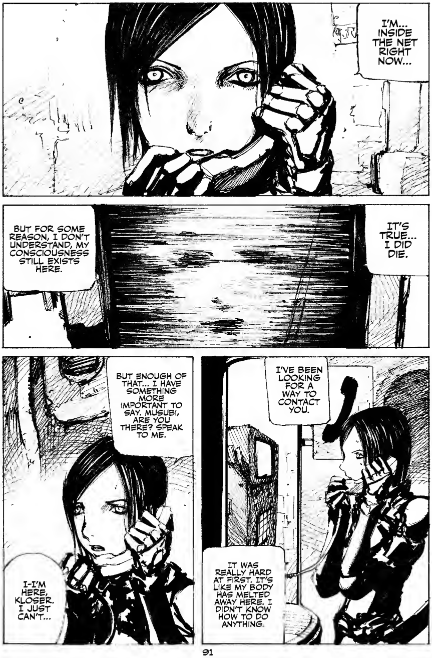
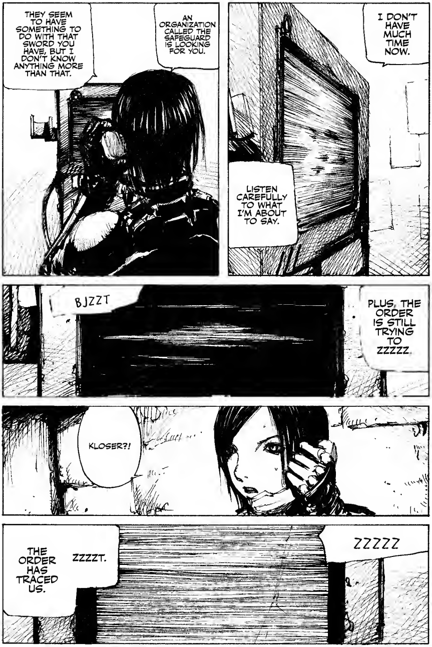
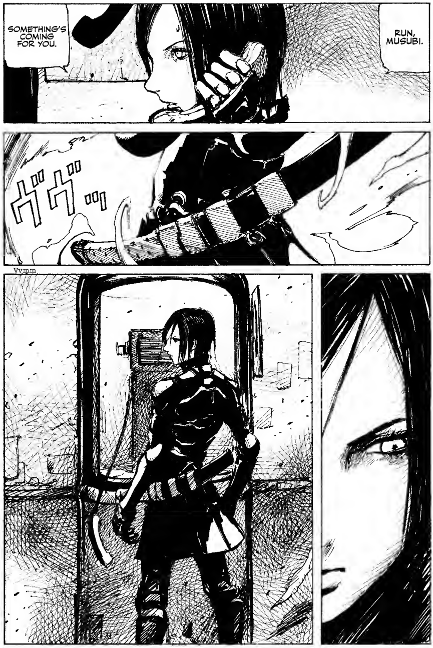

Z...
ZZ.
ZZZZZ
MUZZZ...
ZZZZ
MUSUBI...
ZZT.
ZZZ...
IT'S
ME...
KLOSER.
DROP
ガッ

Bang


IT CAN'T BE...
WAIT, MUSUBI... LISTEN.
MUSUBI, PLEASE, JUST LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
ZZZZ
WHO IS THIS? WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!
MUSUBI, IT'S ME. YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
MUSUBI ...


I'M... INSIDE THE NET RIGHT NOW...
IT'S TRUE... I DID DIE.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MY CONSCIOUSNESS STILL EXISTS HERE.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO CONTACT YOU.
IT WAS REALLY HARD AT FIRST. IT'S LIKE MY BODY HAS MELTED AWAY HERE. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING.
BUT ENOUGH OF THAT... I HAVE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO SAY. MUSUBI, ARE YOU THERE? SPEAK TO ME.
I-I'M HERE, KLOSER. I JUST CAN'T...


I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME NOW.
LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY.
AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE SAFEGUARD IS LOOKING FOR YOU.
THEY SEEM TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT SWORD YOU HAVE, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.
PLUS, THE ORDER IS STILL TRYING TO ZZZZZ.
BJZZT
KLOSER?!
ZZZZZ
THE ORDER HAS TRACED US.
ZZZZT.


RUN, MUSUBI.
SOMETHING'S COMING FOR YOU.
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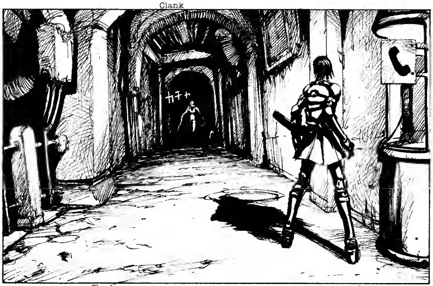
Vvmm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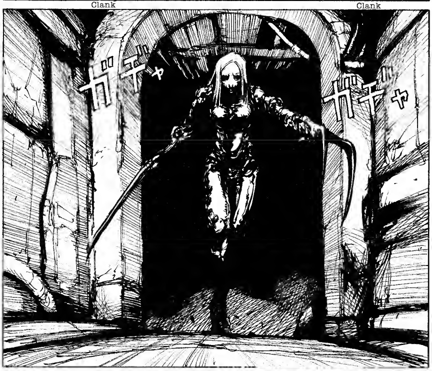
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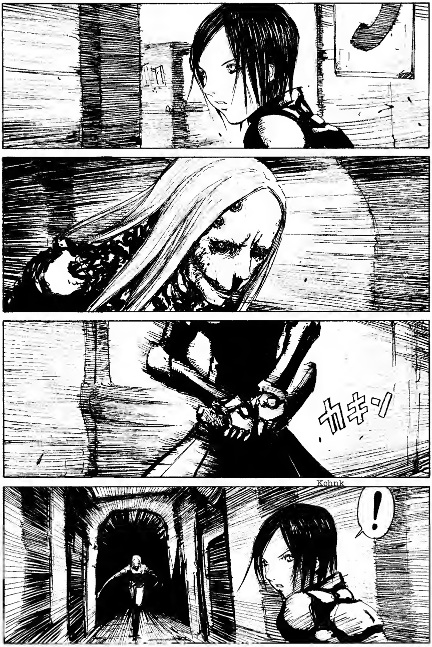
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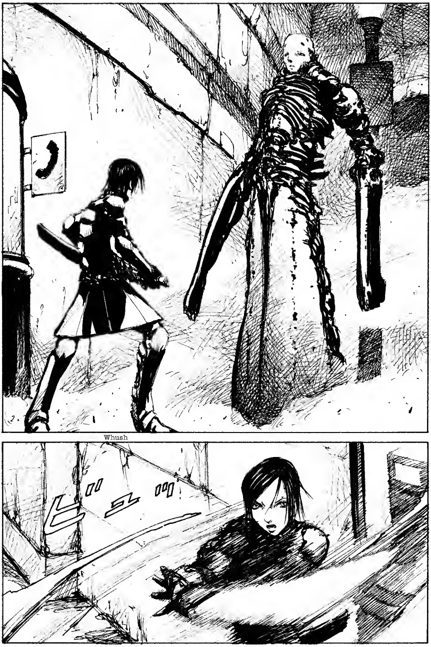
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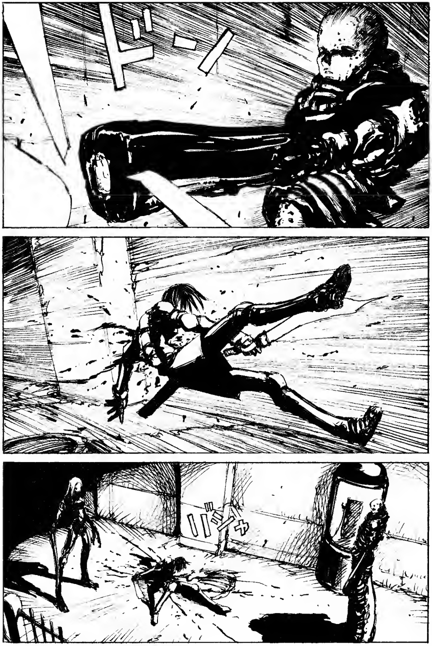
Boom



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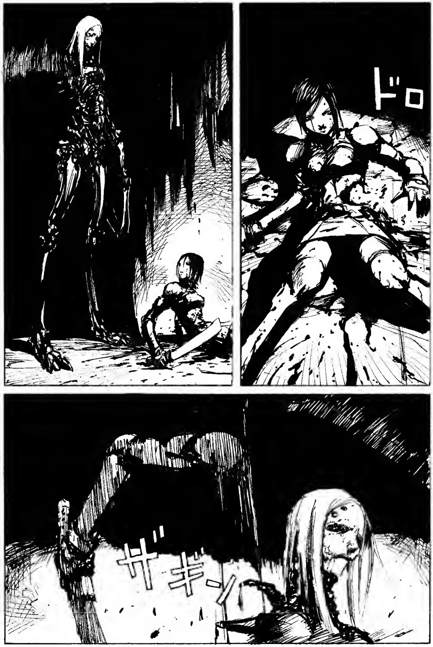

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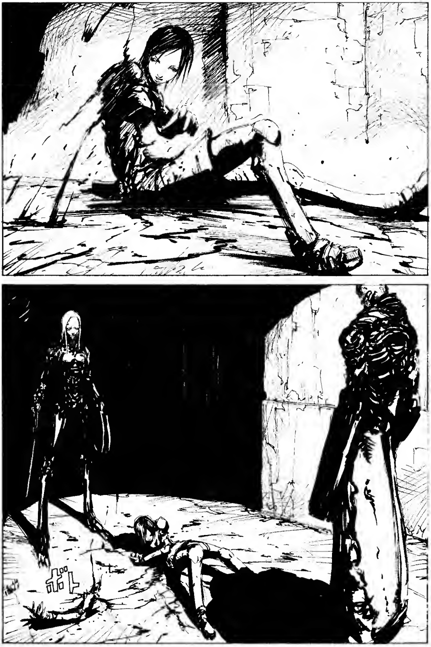
Zchukk



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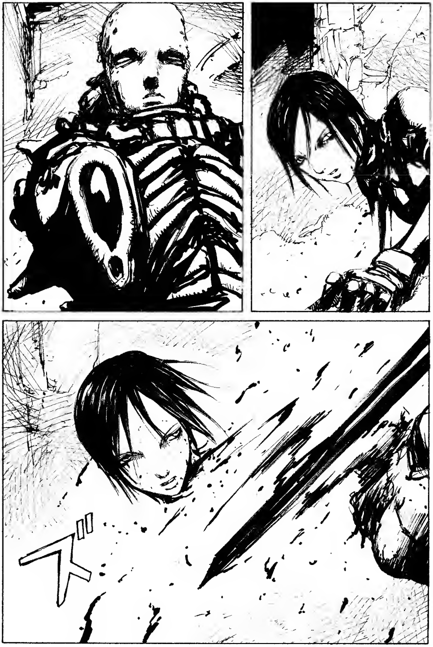

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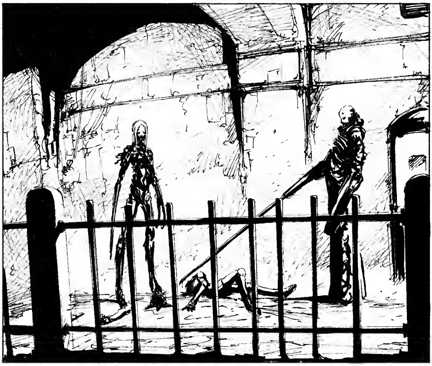
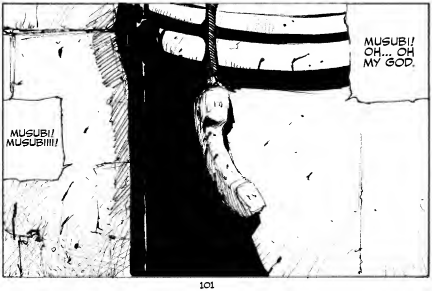
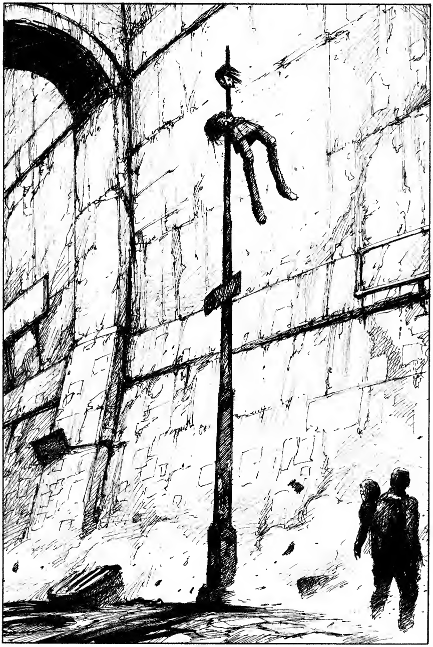



MUSUBI! OH... OH MY GOD.
MUSUBI! MUSUBIIII!



Chapter 4 Sacrifice ~End~

Chapter 5

Corpse Running Wild

第五章

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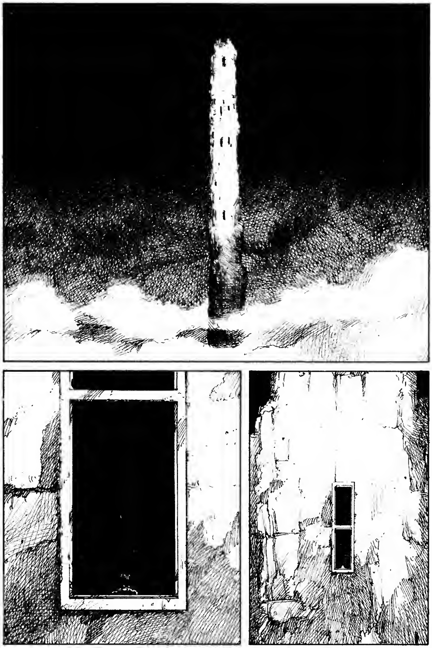
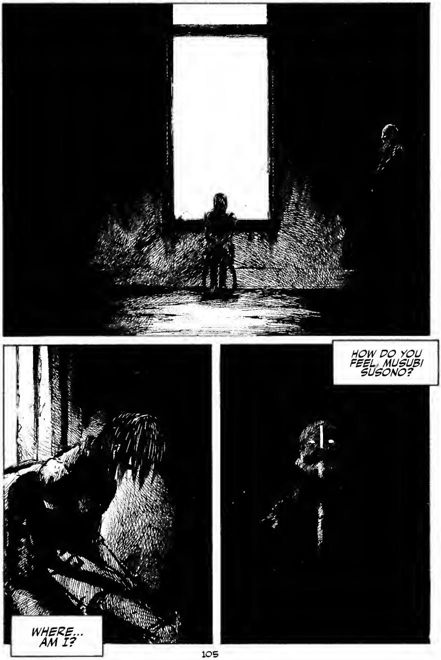
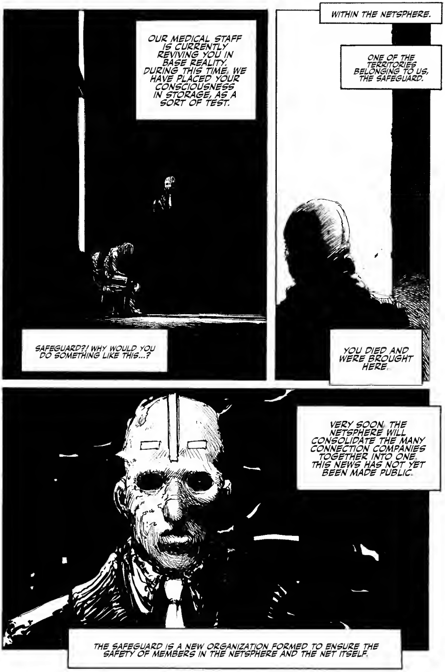
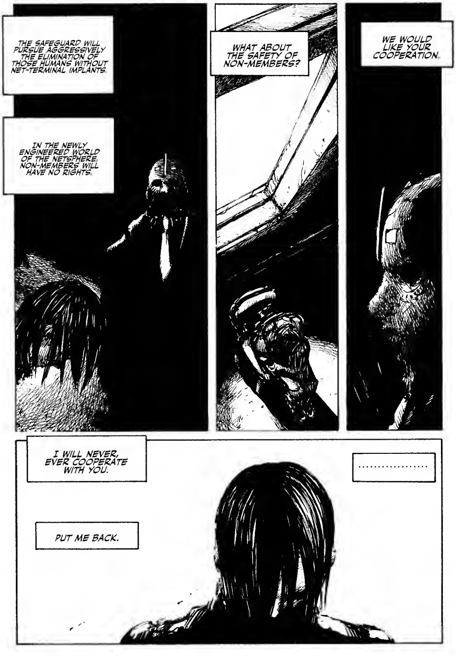



HOW DO YOU FEEL, MUSUBI SUSONO?
WHERE... AM I?


OUR MEDICAL STAFF IS CURRENTLY REVIVING YOU IN BASE REALITY. DURING THIS TIME, WE HAVE PLACED YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IN STORAGE, AS A SORT OF TEST.
SAFEGUARD?! WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?
WITHIN THE NETSPHERE.
ONE OF THE TERRITORIES BELONGING TO US, THE SAFEGUARD.
YOU DIED AND WERE BROUGHT HERE.
VERY SOON, THE NETSPHERE WILL CONSOLIDATE THE MANY CONNECTION COMPANIES TOGETHER INTO ONE. THIS NEWS HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC.
THE SAFEGUARD IS A NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS IN THE NETSPHERE AND THE NET ITSELF.


THE SAFEGUARD WILL PURSUE AGGRESSIVELY THE ELIMINATION OF THOSE HUMANS WITHOUT NET-TERMINAL IMPLANTS.
IN THE NEWLY ENGINEERED WORLD OF THE NETSPHERE, NON-MEMBERS WILL HAVE NO RIGHTS.
WHAT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF NON-MEMBERS?
WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COOPERATION.
I WILL NEVER, EVER COOPERATE WITH YOU.
PUT ME BACK.
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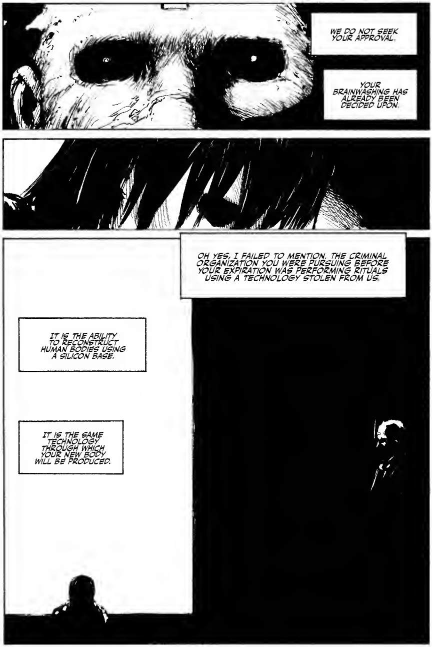
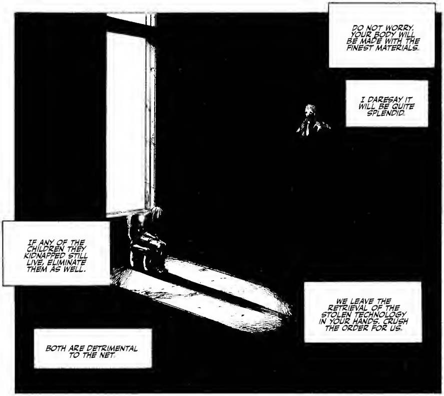
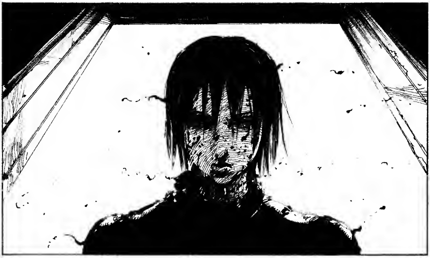
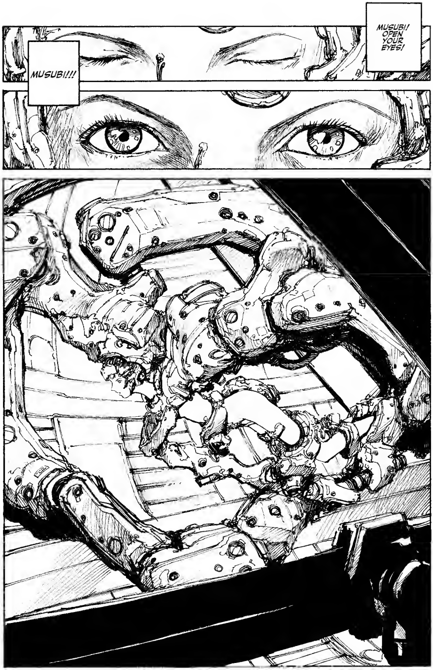
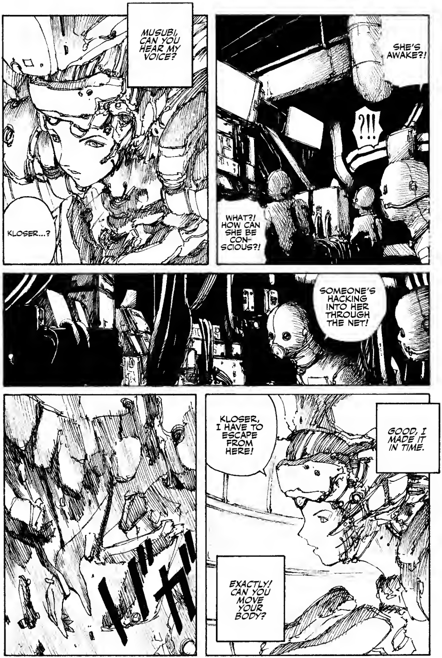

WE DO NOT SEEK YOUR APPROVAL.
YOUR BRAINWASHING HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED UPON.
OH YES, I FAILED TO MENTION. THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION YOU WERE PURSUING BEFORE YOUR EXPIRATION WAS PERFORMING RITUALS USING A TECHNOLOGY STOLEN FROM US.
IT IS THE ABILITY TO RECONSTRUCT HUMAN BODIES USING A SILICON BASE.
IT IS THE SAME TECHNOLOGY THROUGH WHICH YOUR NEW BODY WILL BE PRODUCED.


DO NOT WORRY. YOUR BODY WILL BE MADE WITH THE FINEST MATERIALS.
I DARESAY IT WILL BE QUITE SPLENDID.
IF ANY OF THE CHILDREN THEY KIDNAPPED STILL LIVE, ELIMINATE THEM AS WELL.
WE LEAVE THE RETRIEVAL OF THE STOLEN TECHNOLOGY IN YOUR HANDS. CRUSH THE ORDER FOR US.
BOTH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NET.

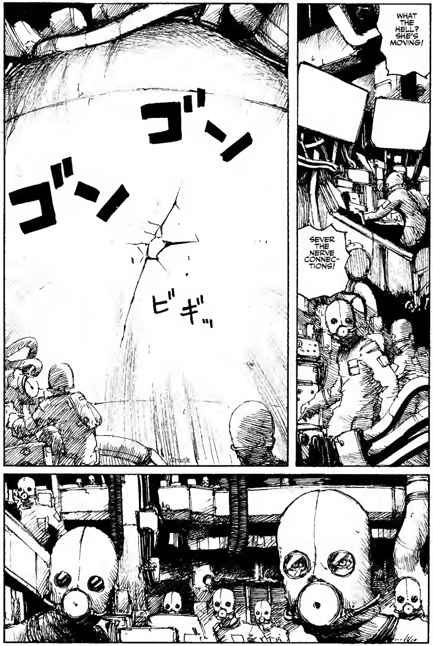



MUSUBI! OPEN YOUR EYES!
MUSUBI!!!


MUSUBI, CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
KLOSER...?
SHE'S AWAKE?!
?!!
WHAT?! HOW CAN SHE BE CON-SCIOUS?!
SOMEONE'S HACKING INTO HER THROUGH THE NET!
ドガ
KLOSER, I HAVE TO ESCAPE FROM HERE!
GOOD, I MADE IT IN TIME.
EXACTLY! CAN YOU MOVE YOUR BODY?

Crunch

Boom Boom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SEVER THE NERVE CONNECTIONS!
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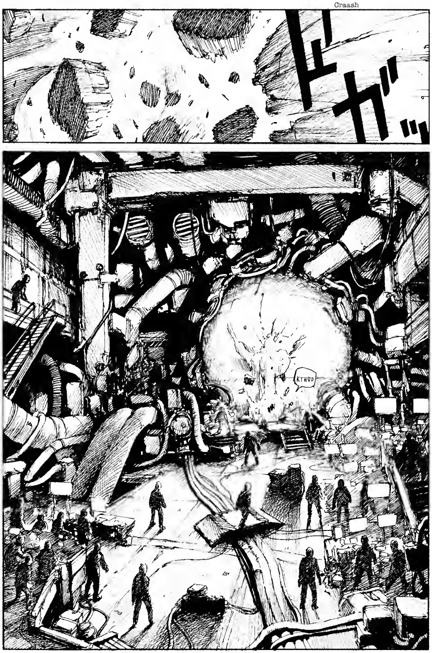
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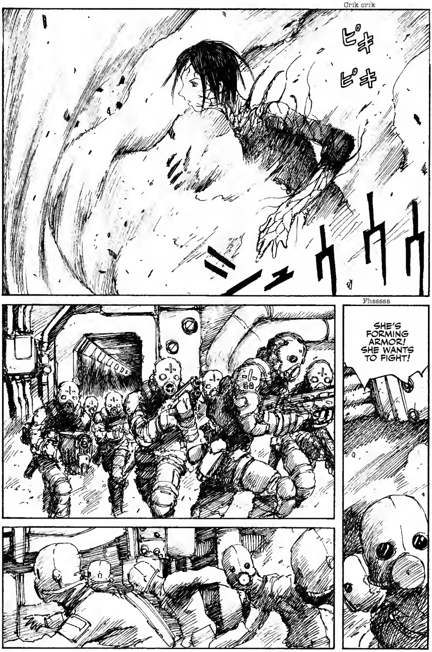
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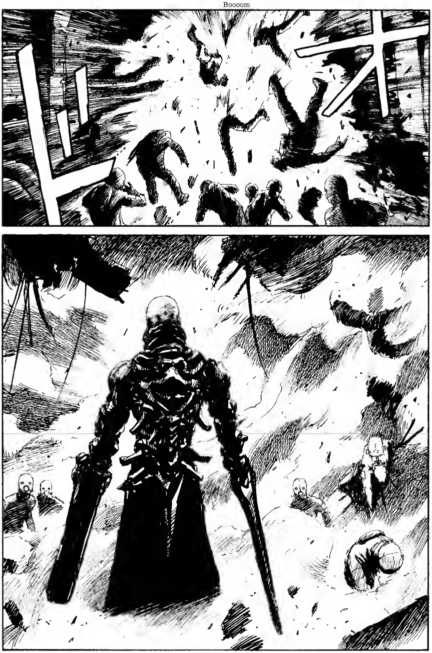
SHE'S FORMING ARMOR! SHE WANTS TO FIGHT!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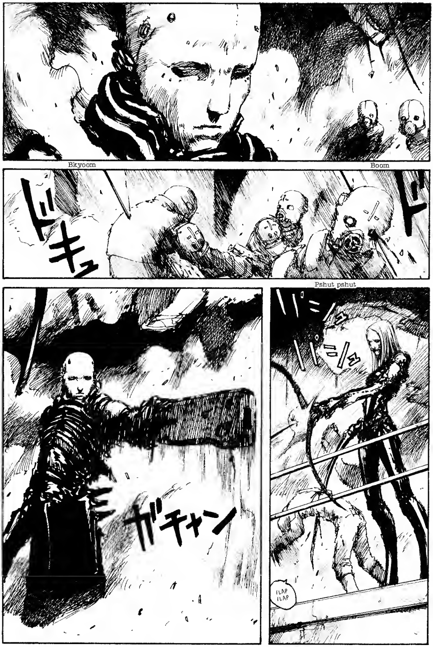
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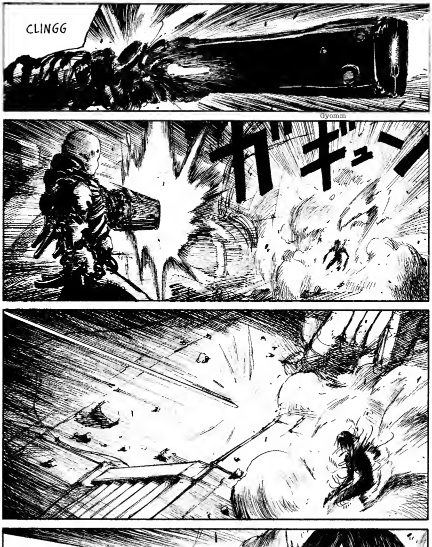
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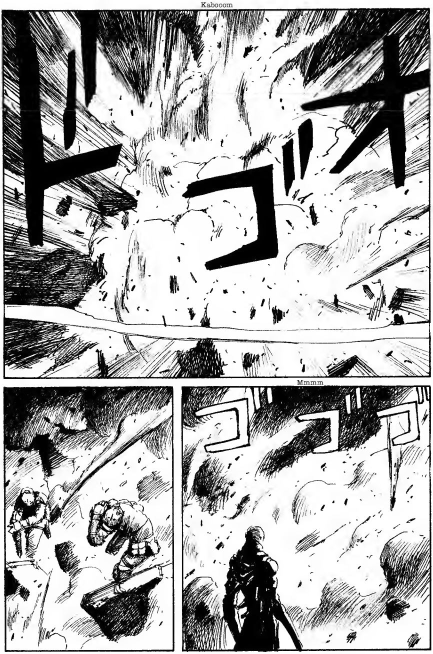
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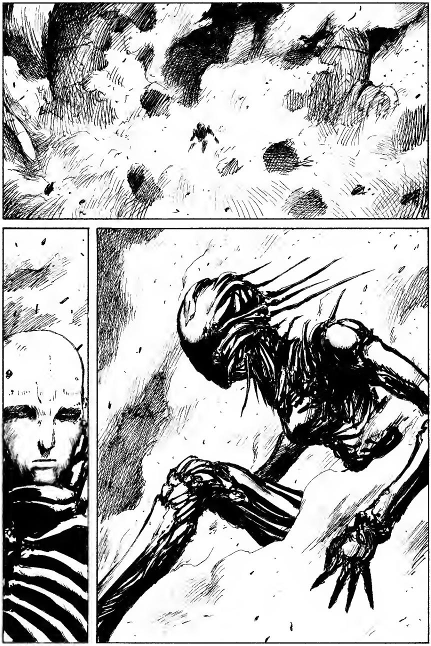

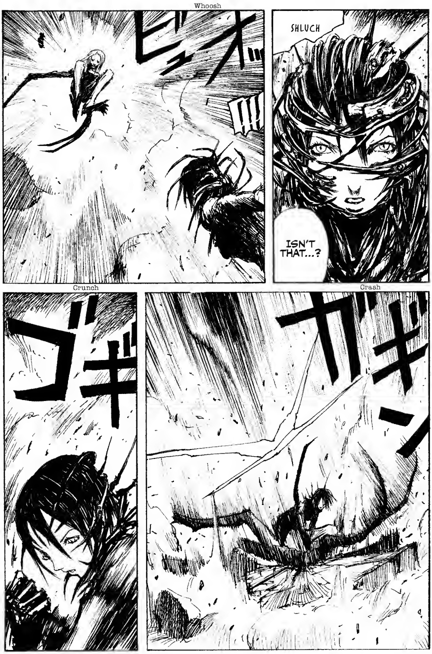
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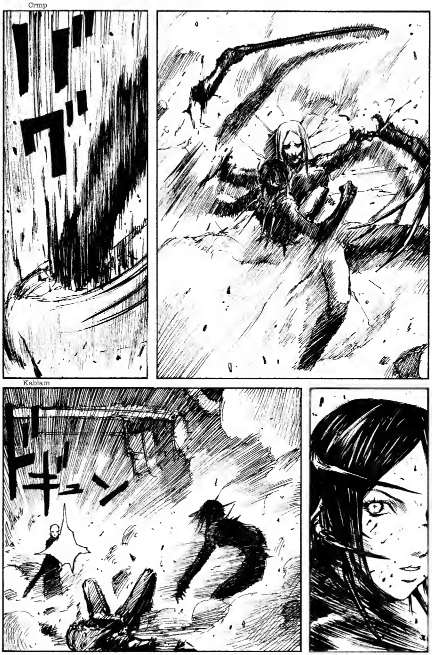
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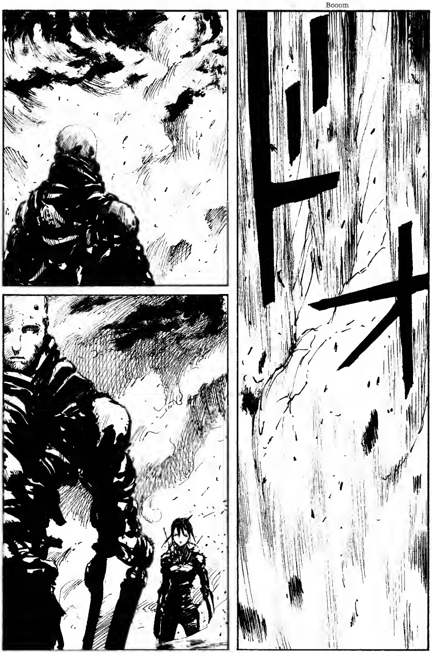
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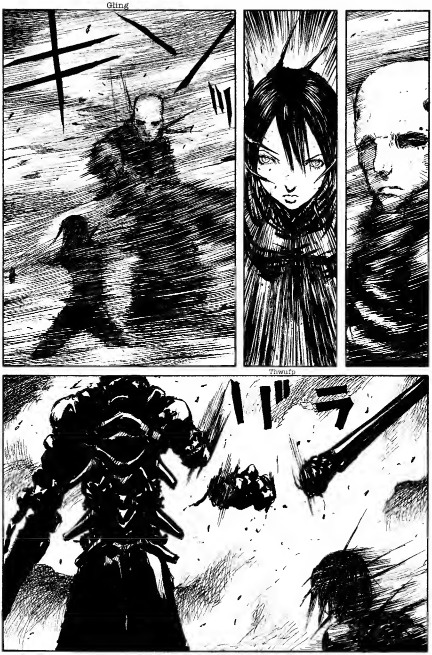
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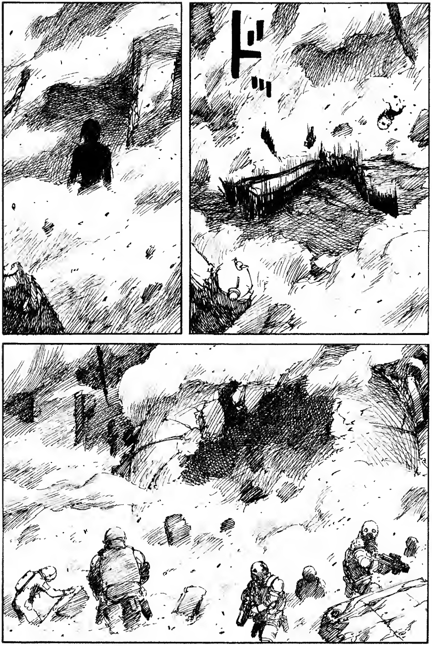

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Final Chapter Holy Land

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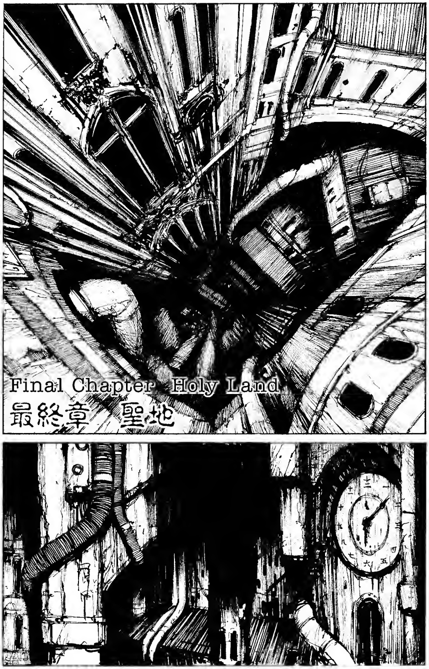

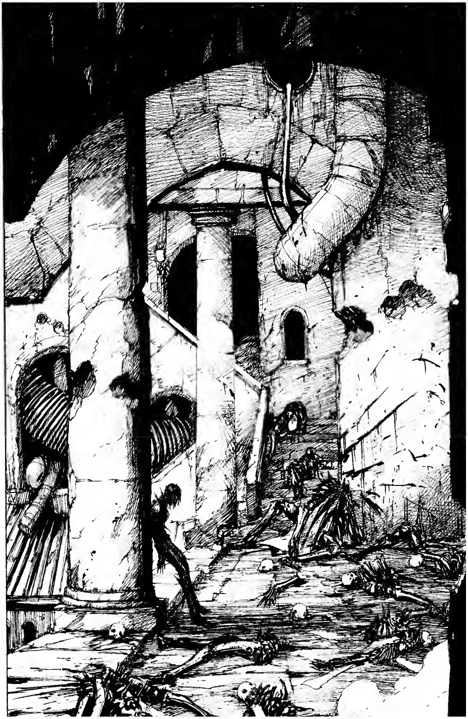

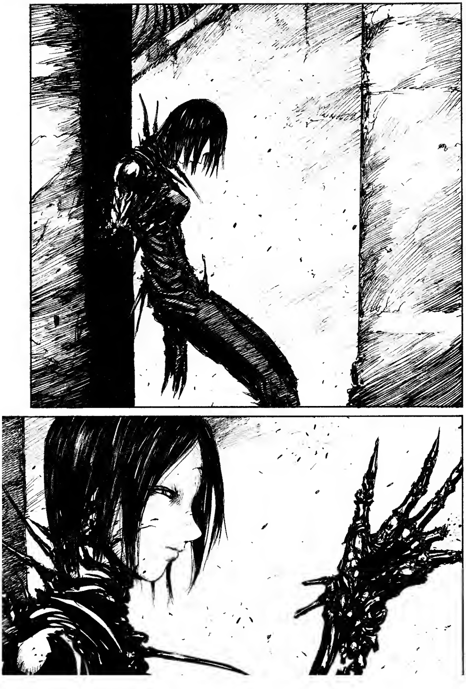

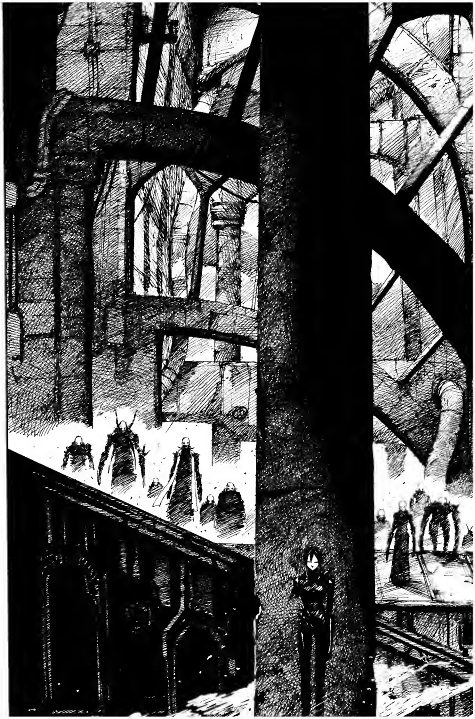

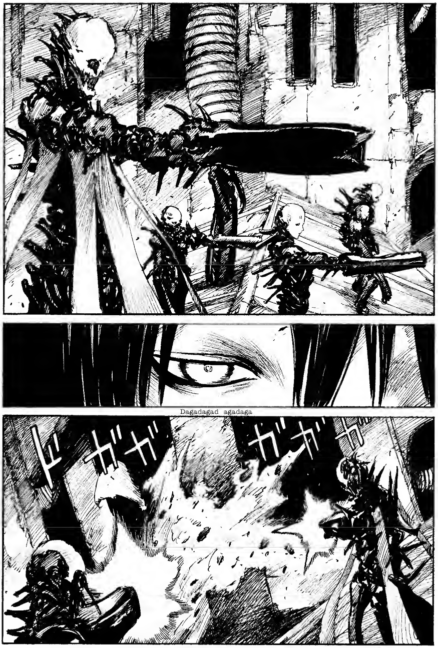
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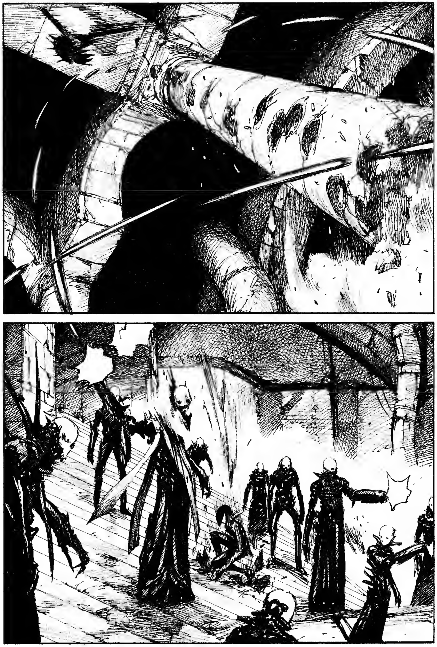

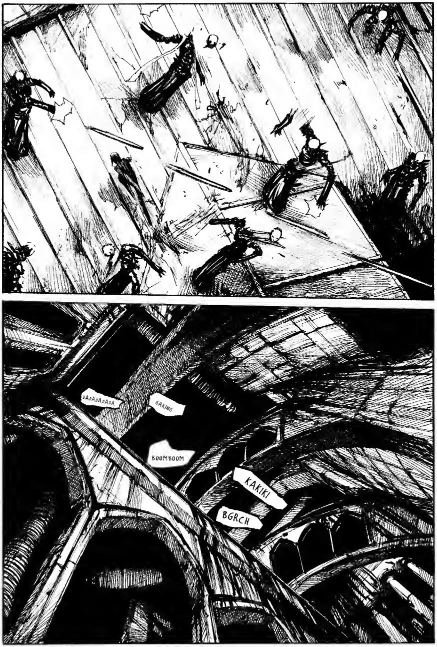
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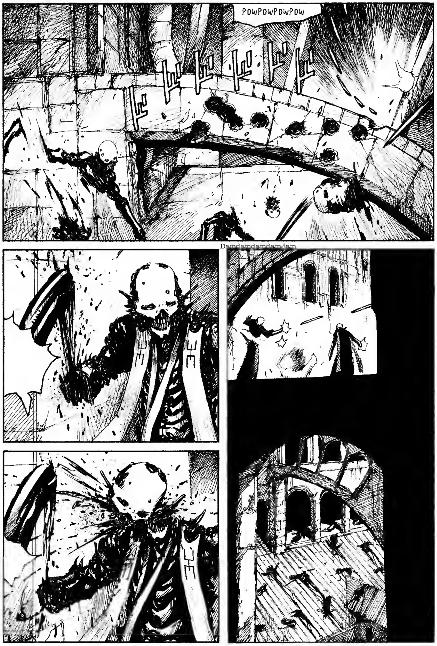
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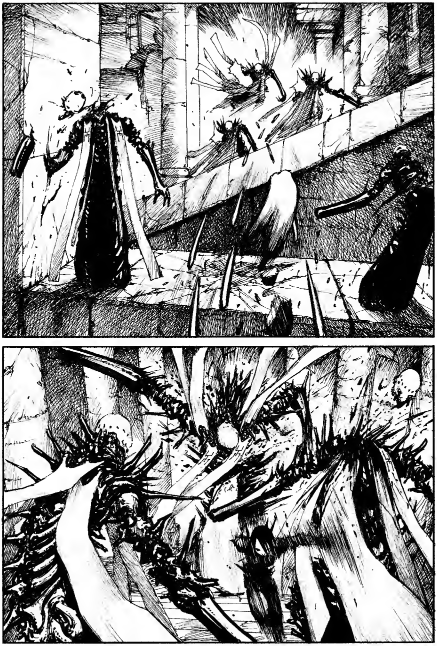

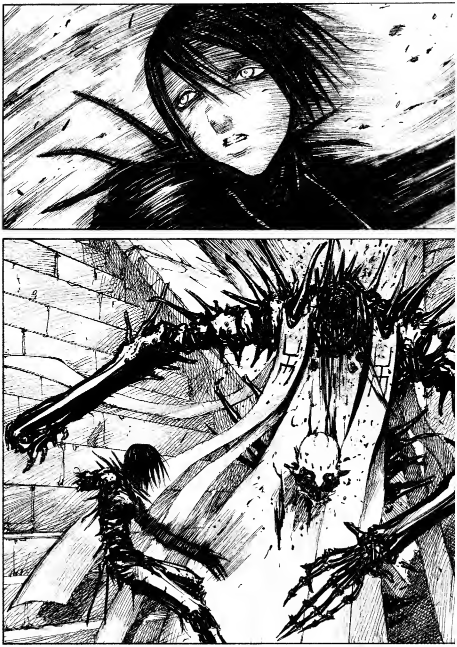

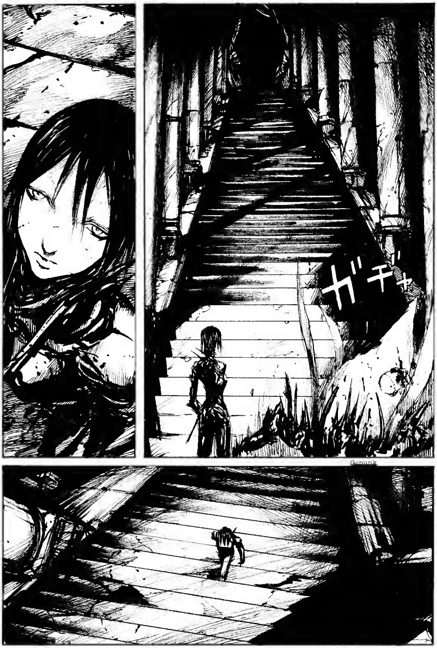
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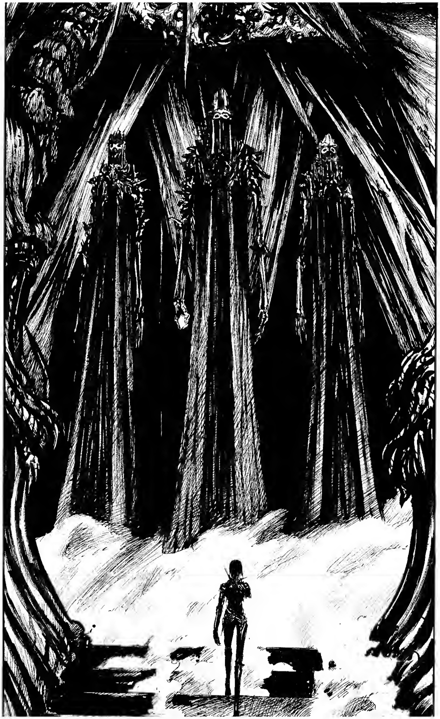

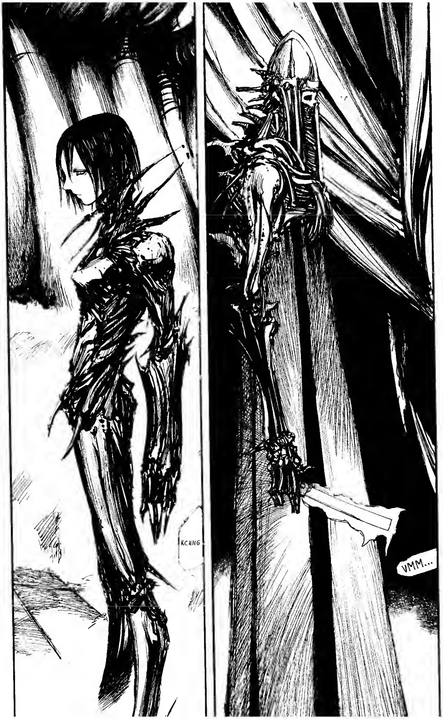
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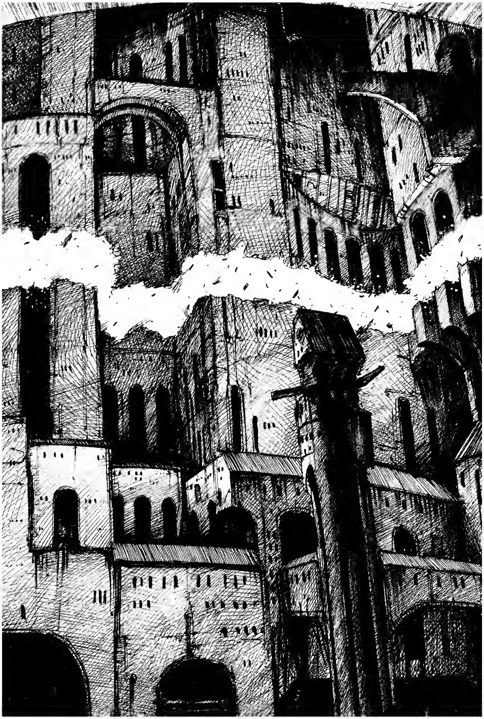
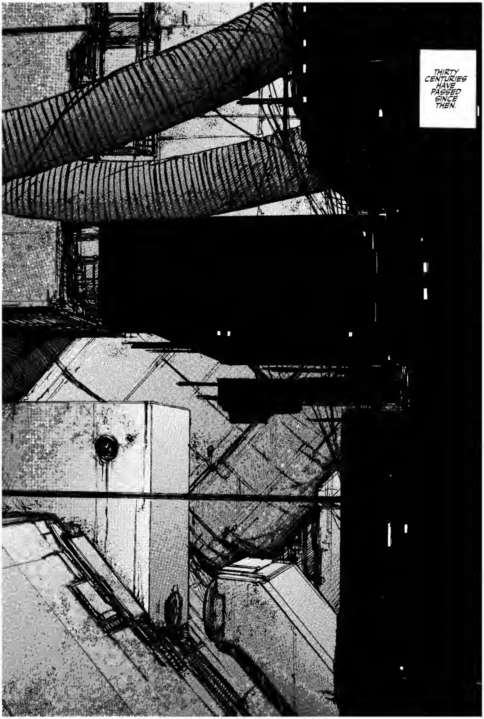
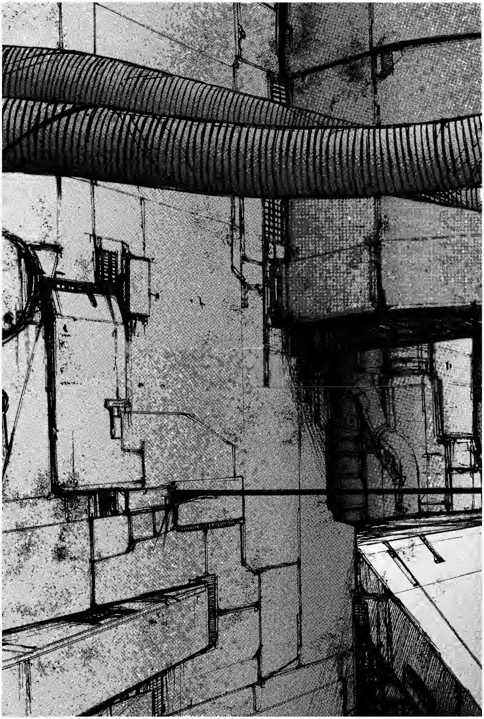
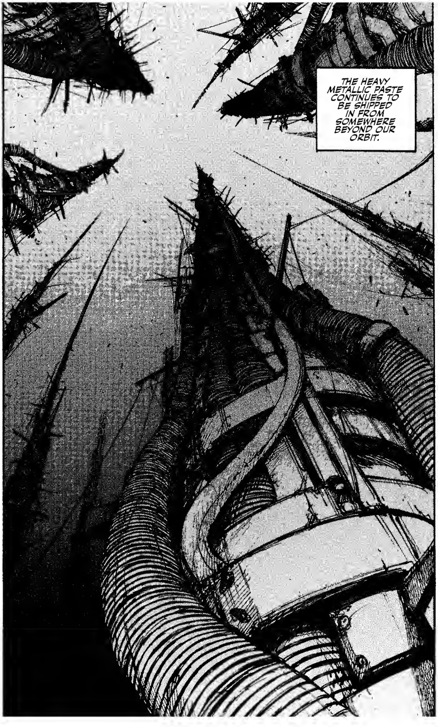
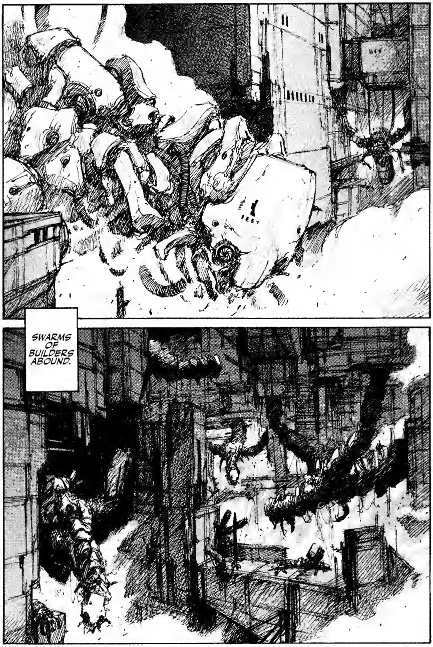
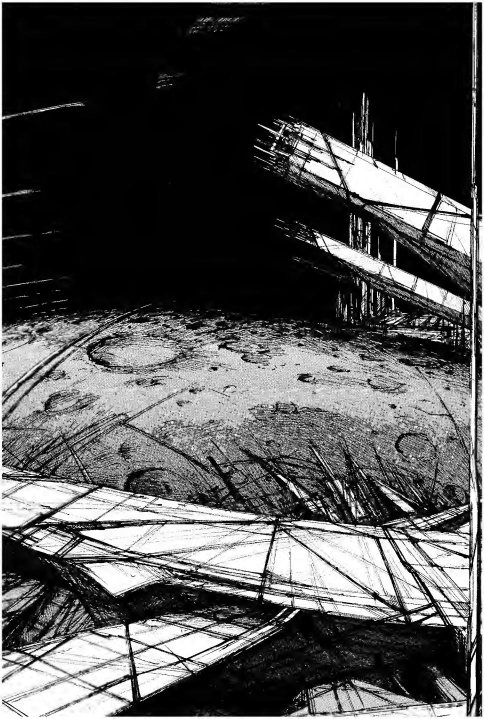


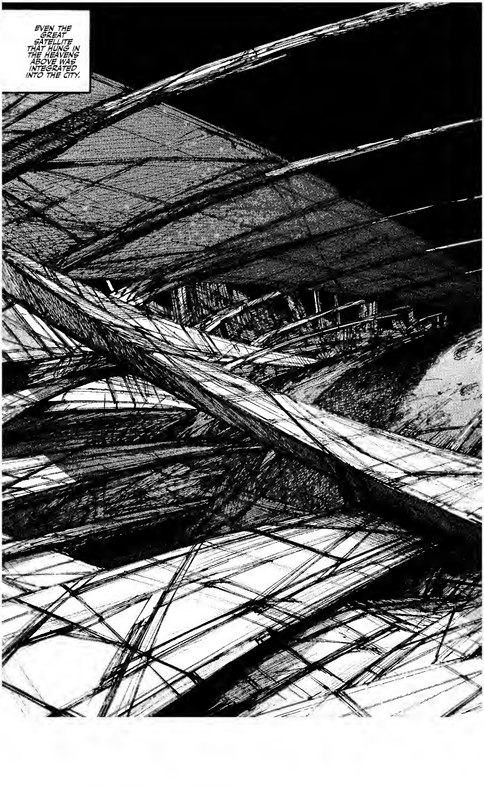

THIRTY CENTURIES HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN.

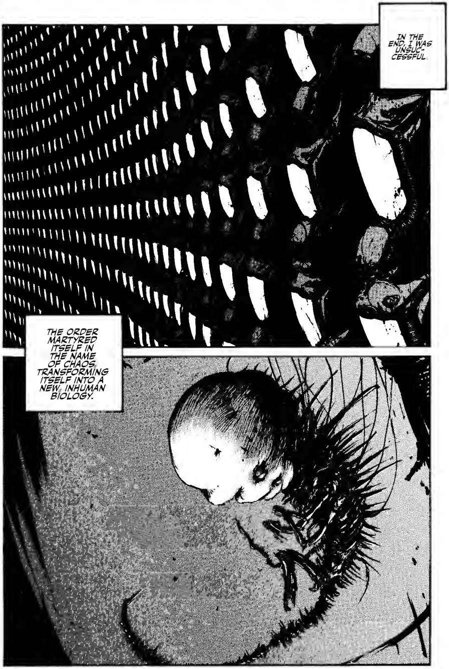


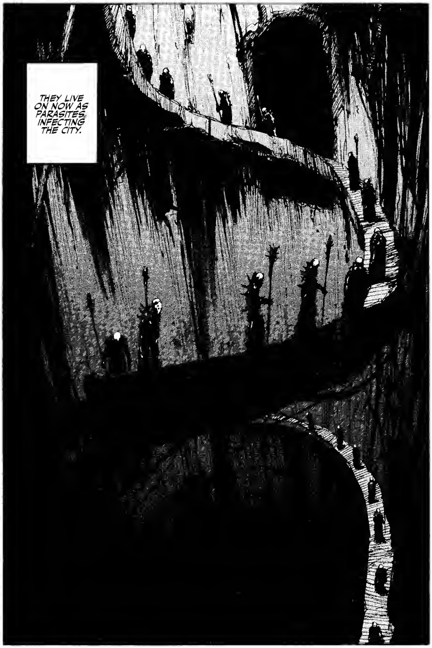

THE HEAVY METALLIC PASTE CONTINUES TO BE SHIPPED IN FROM SOMEWHERE BEYOND OUR ORBIT.

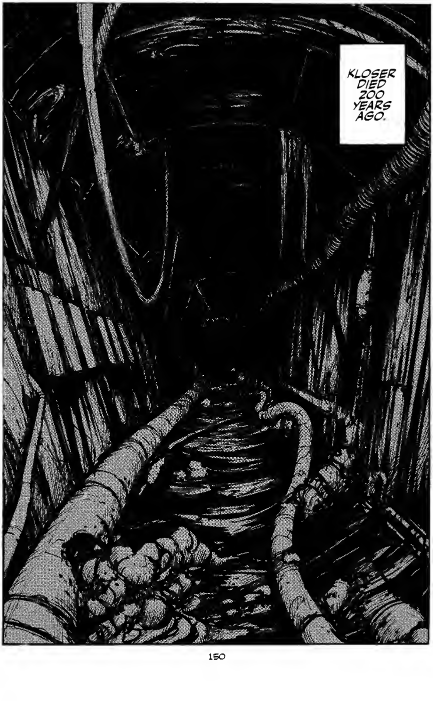

SWARMS OF BUILDERS ABOUND.

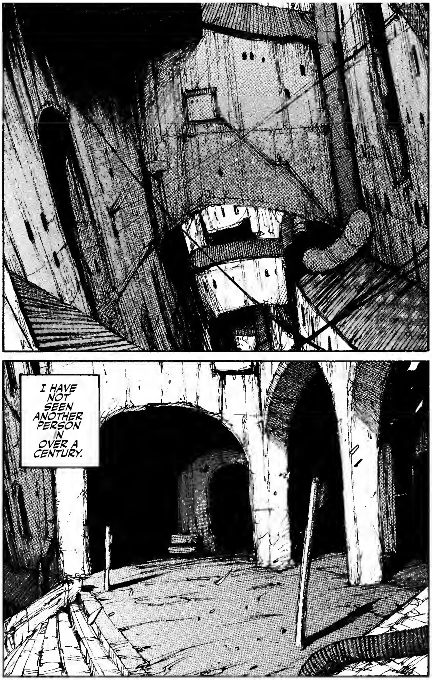


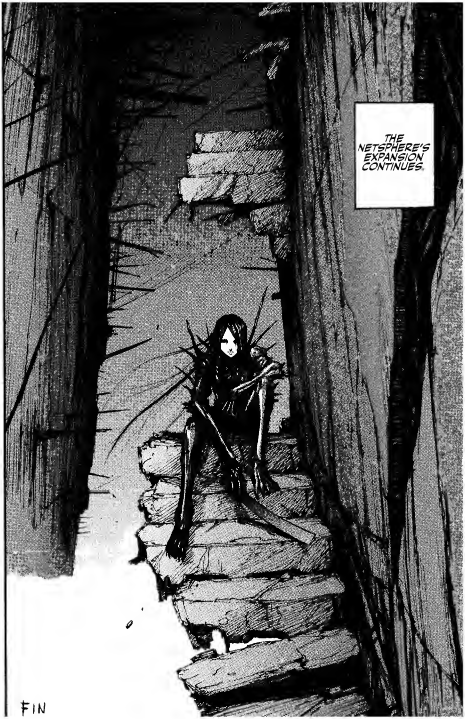

EVEN THE GREAT SATELLITE THAT HUNG IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE CITY.


IN THE END, I WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.
THE ORDER MARTYRED ITSELF IN THE NAME OF CHAOS, TRANSFORMING ITSELF INTO A NEW, INHUMAN BIOLOGY.


THEY LIVE ON NOW AS PARASITES, INFECTING THE CITY.


KLOSER DIED 200 YEARS AGO.


I HAVE NOT SEEN ANOTHER PERSON IN OVER A CENTURY.


THE NETSPHERE'S EXPANSION CONTINUES.
FIN

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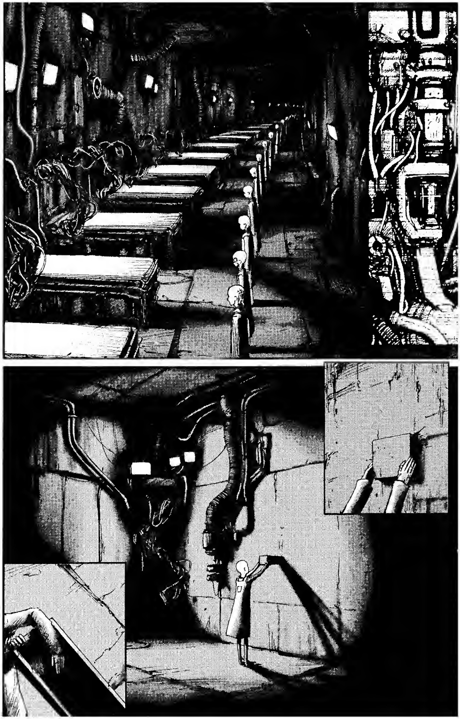
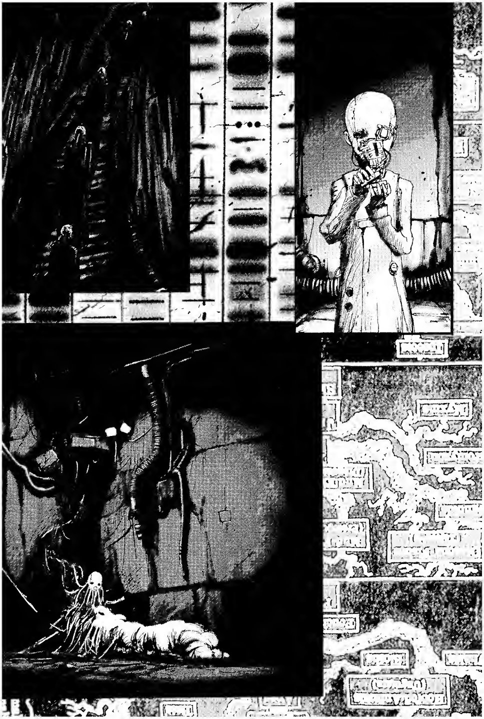
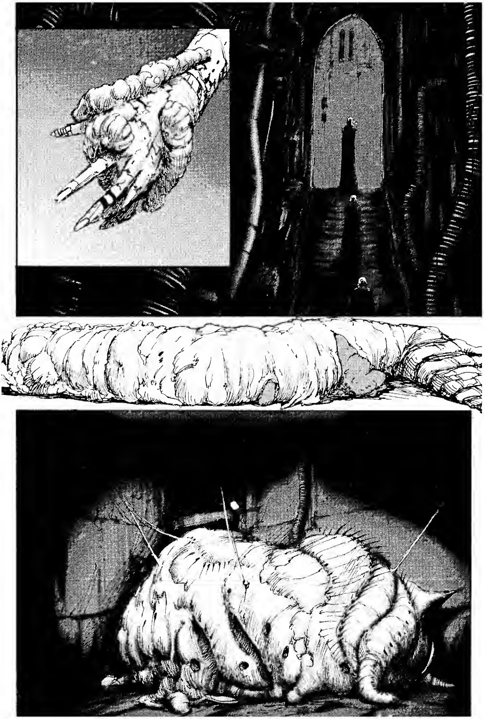
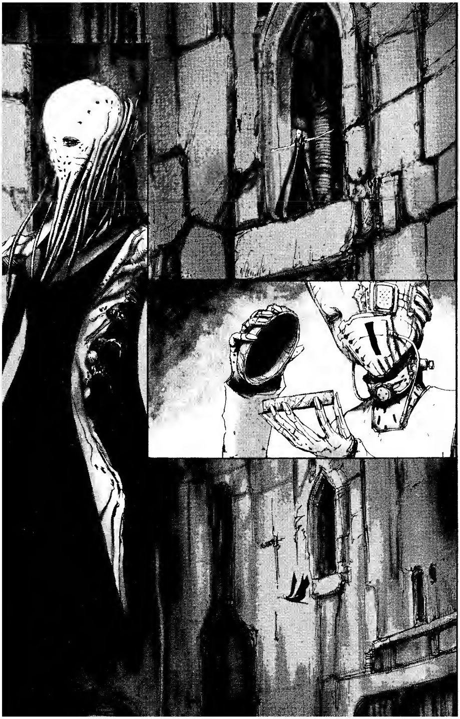
「負の回廊」

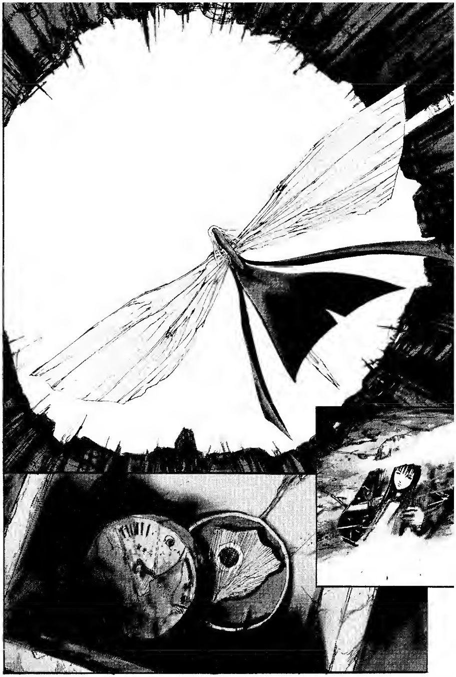
Negative Corridor











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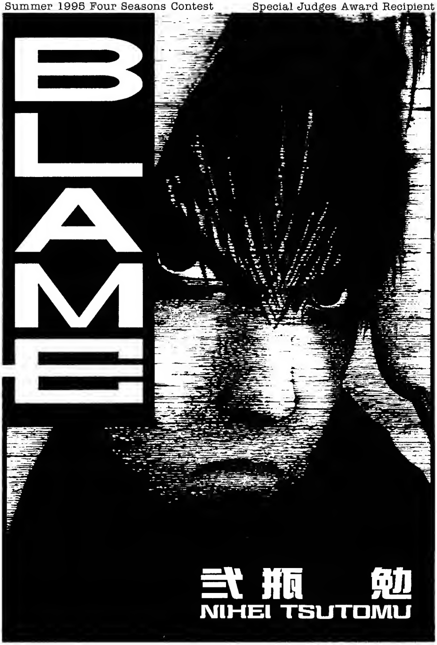
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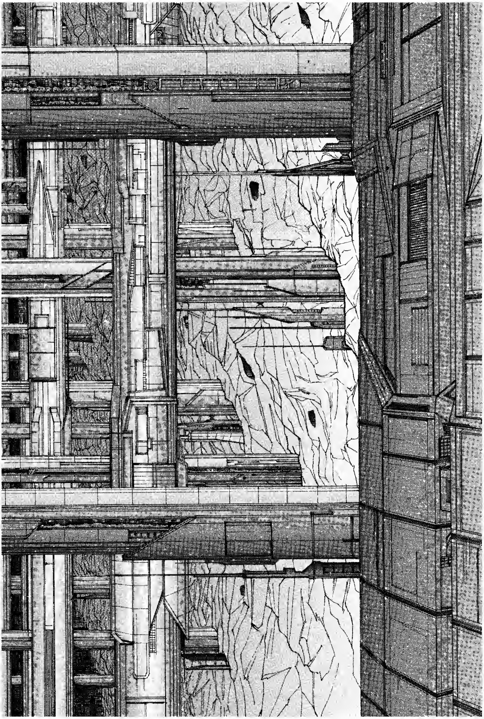
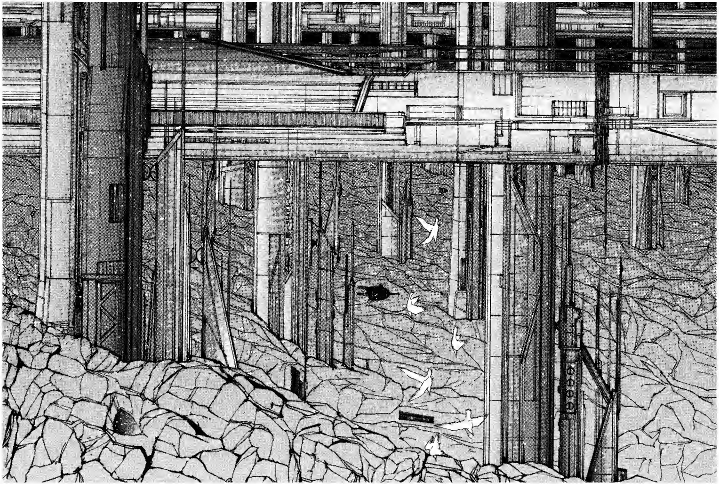
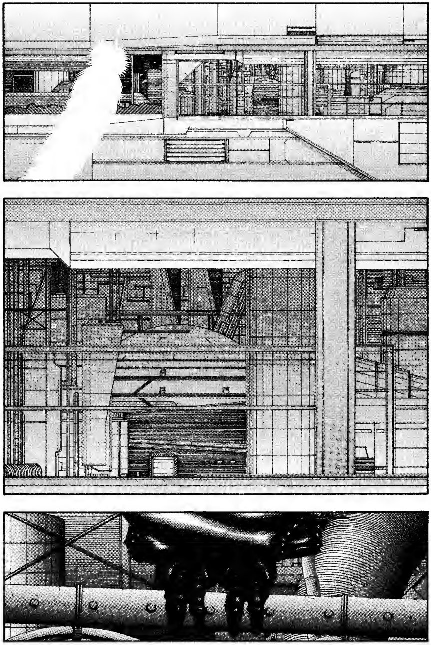
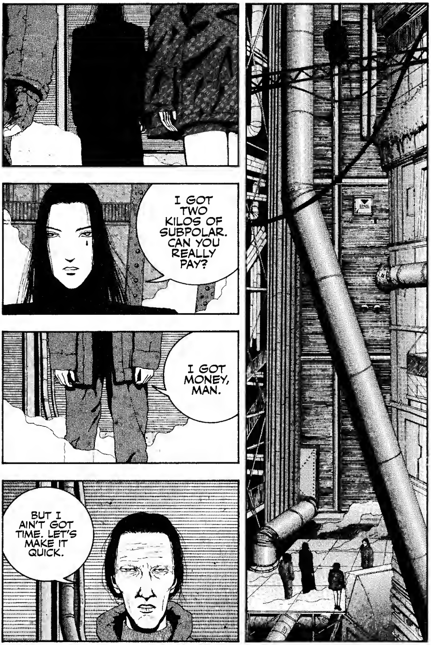
NIHEI TSUTOMU

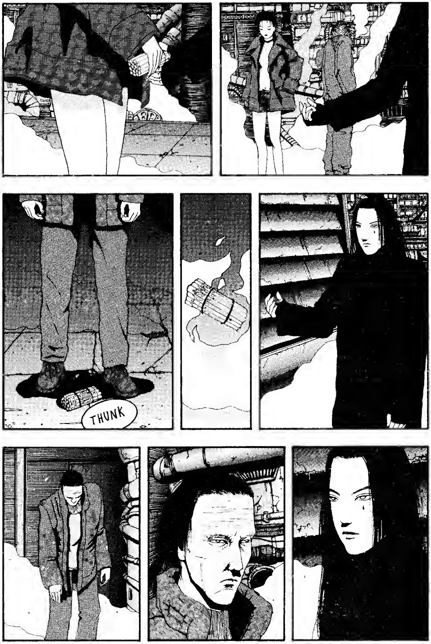
Nihei Tsutomu's Debut Work








I GOT TWO KILOS OF SUBPOLAR. CAN YOU REALLY PAY?
I GOT MONEY, MAN.
BUT I AIN'T GOT TIME. LET'S MAKE IT QUICK.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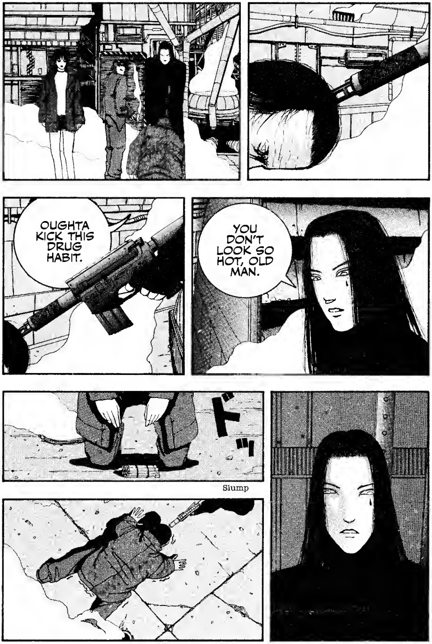
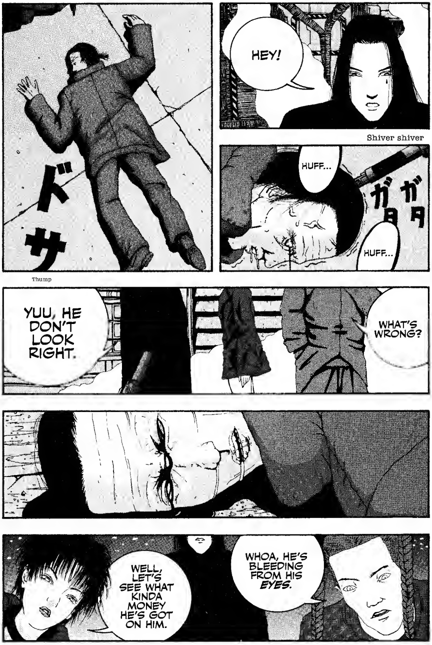

OUGHTA KICK THIS DRUG HABIT.
YOU DON'T LOOK SO HOT, OLD MAN.
Slump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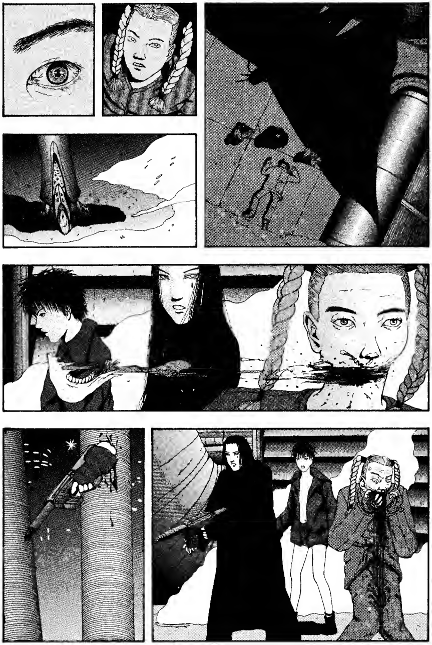
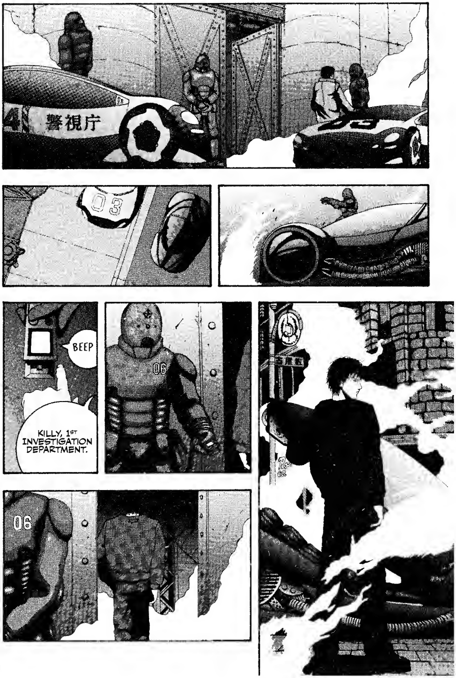
Thump
HEY!
Shiver shiver
HUFF...
ガタガタ
HUFF...
YUU, HE DON'T LOOK RIGHT.
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHOA, HE'S BLEEDING FROM HIS *EYES.*
WELL, LET'S SEE WHAT KINDA MONEY HE'S GOT ON HIM.

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KILLY, 1st INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.
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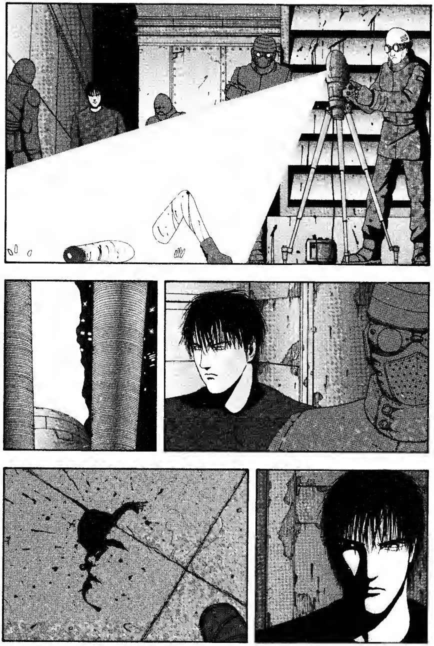

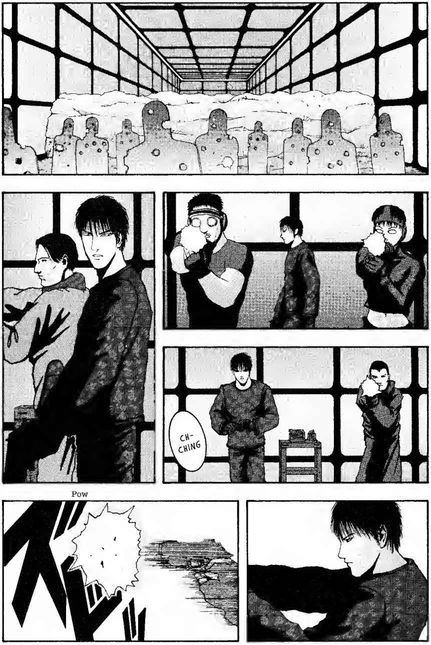
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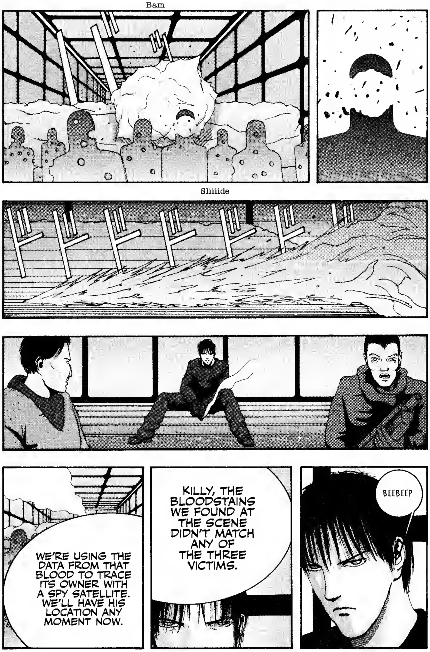
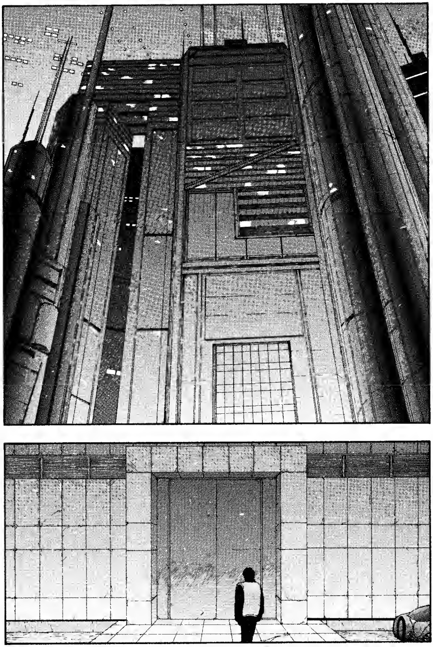
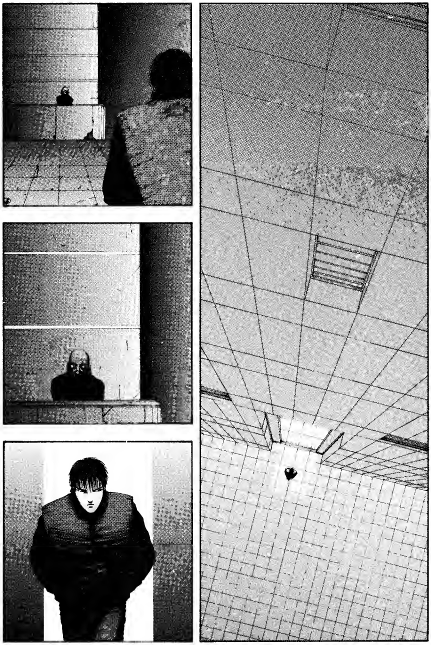
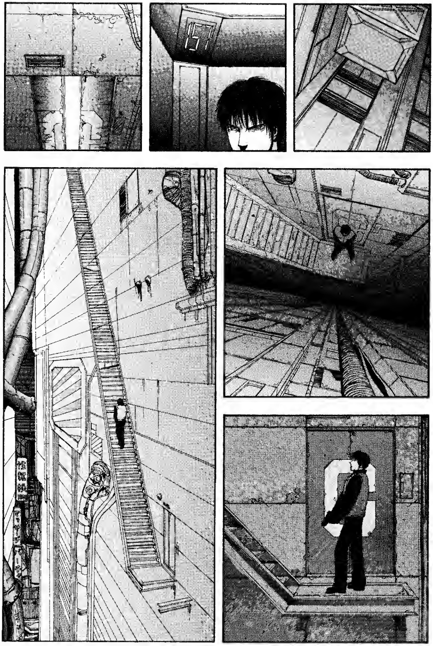

Bam
Sliiiide
BEEBEEP
KILLY, THE BLOODSTAINS WE FOUND AT THE SCENE DIDN'T MATCH ANY OF THE THREE VICTIMS.
WE'RE USING THE DATA FROM THAT BLOOD TO TRACE ITS OWNER WITH A SPY SATELLITE. WE'LL HAVE HIS LOCATION ANY MOMENT NOW.



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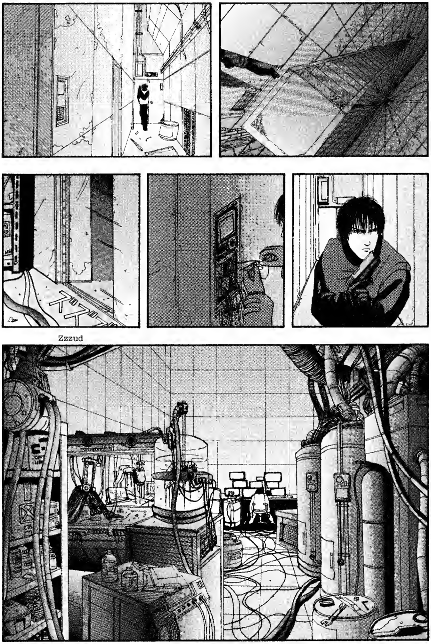
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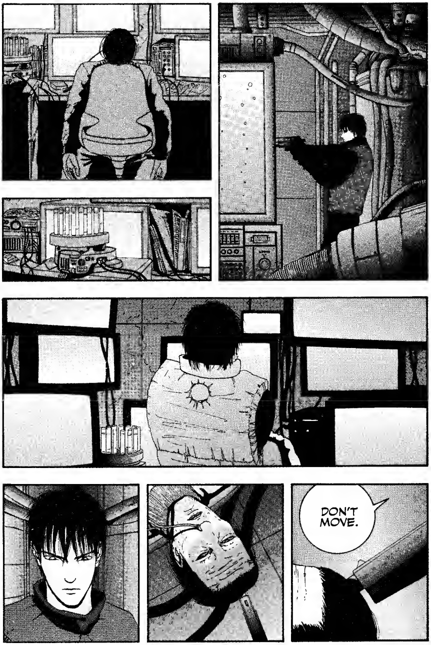
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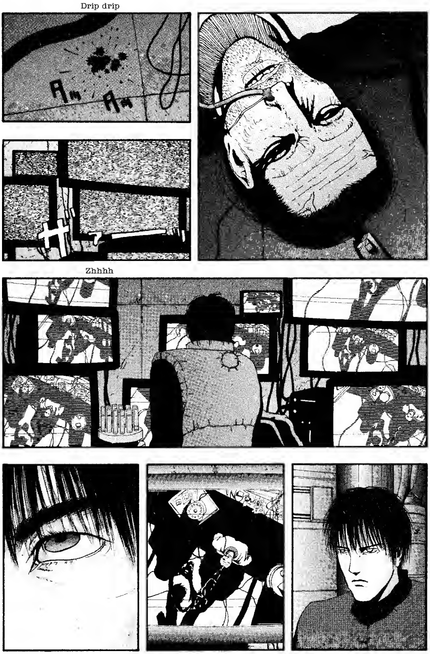
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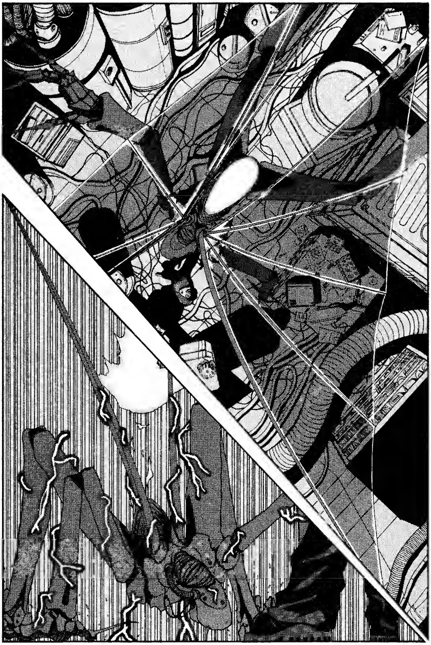
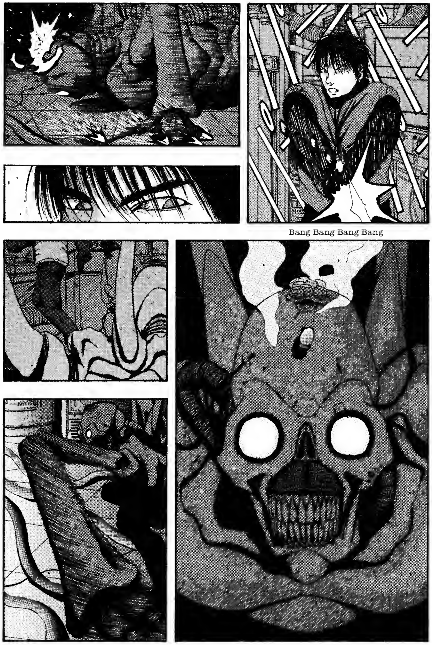
Zhhhh

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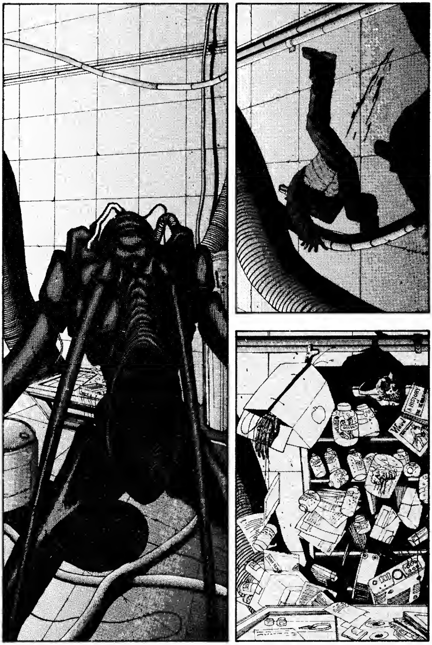
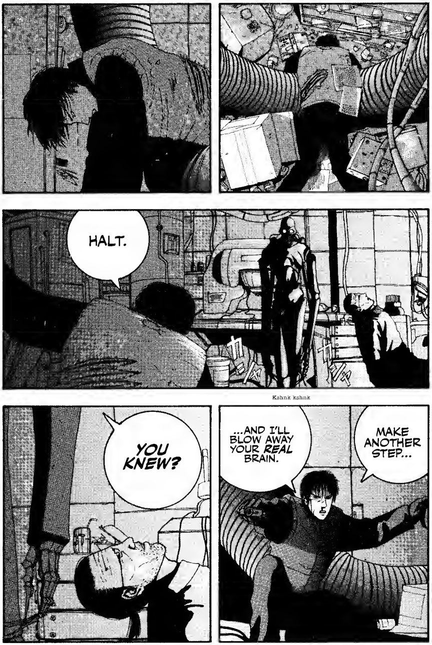

A HISTORY
Weird


HALT.
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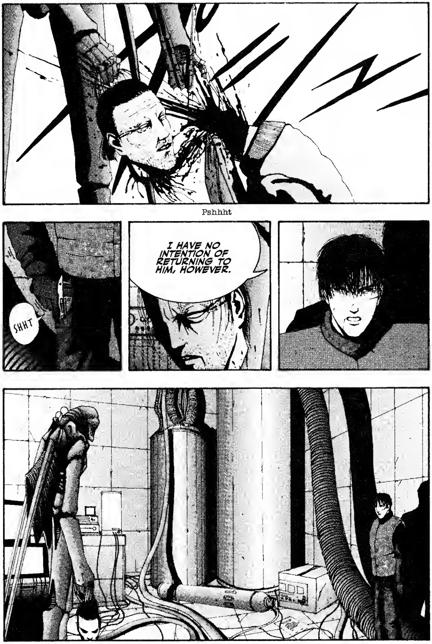
MAKE ANOTHER STEP...
...AND I'LL BLOW AWAY YOUR *REAL* BRAIN.
YOU KNEW?

Kshnk kshnk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I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO HIM, HOWEVER.
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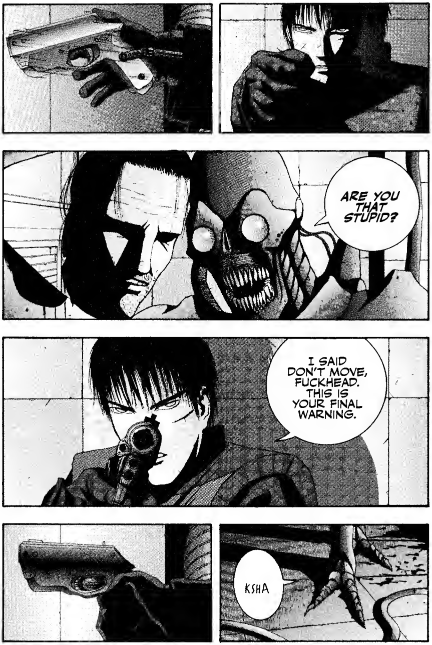
ARE YOU THAT STUPID?
I SAID DON'T MOVE, FUCKHEAD. THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING.
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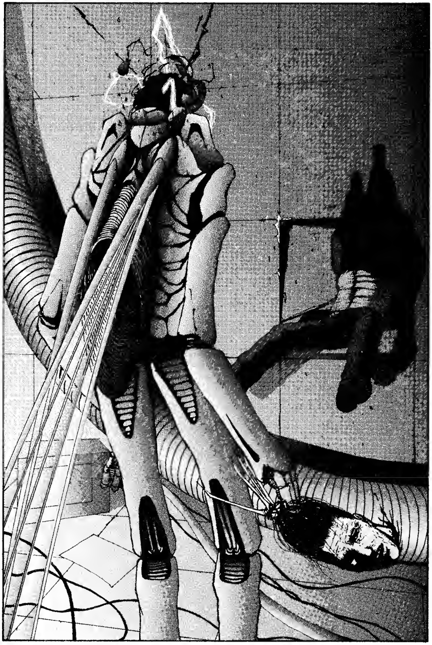

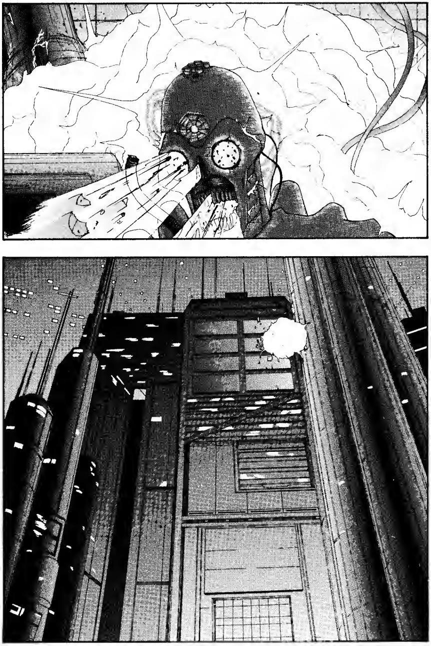

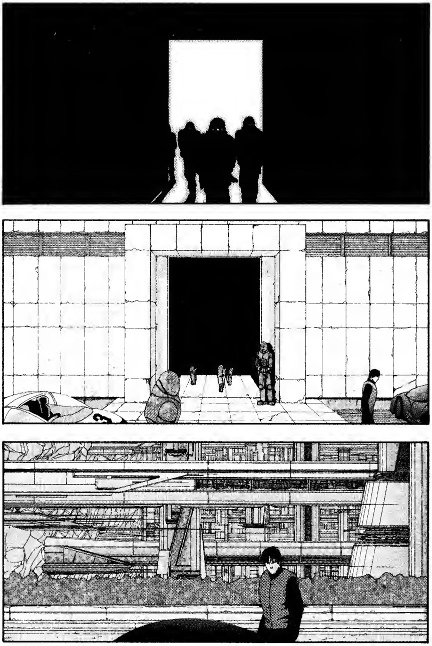
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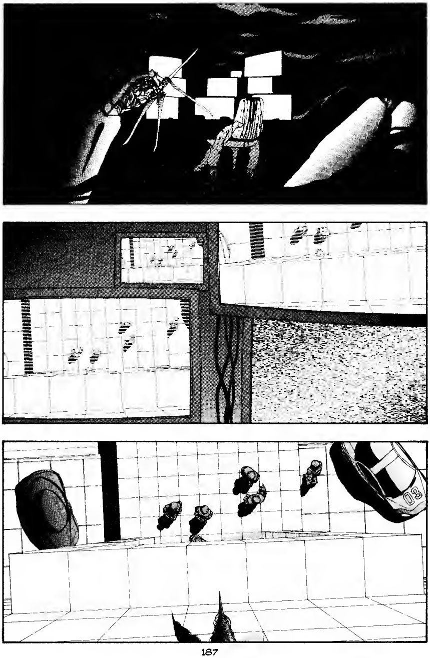
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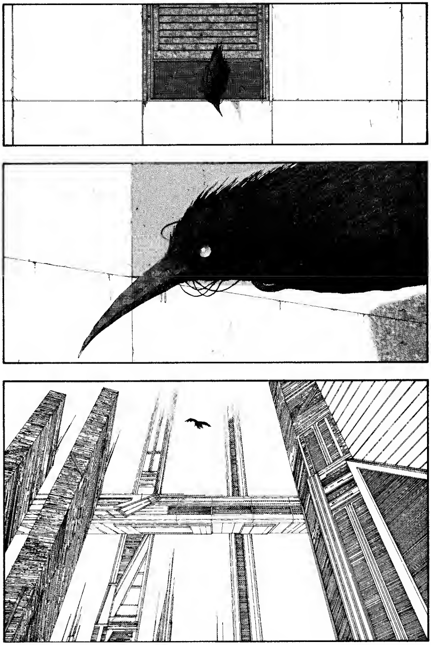

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